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March 1829

Warrant for March Meeting A.D. 1829

Seal. Seal. Seal. Middlesex ss. To Capt. Otis Adams, one of the Constables in the Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the second day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (viz.)

1 To choose a Moderator.

2 To make choice of all Town Officers for the ensuing year.

3. To hear the Report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer, and act thereon.

4th. To grant money for the support of Schools, the Poor, Roads and all other town charges.

5th. To direct in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year.

6th. To direct in what way and manner the roads and bridges shall be repaired the ensuing year.

7th To see if the town will restrain horses, neat cattle and Swine from running at large within the limits of the town the year ensuing.

8th To choose Overseers of the Work house for the year ensuing.

9th To see in what way and manner Town Meetings shall be warned.

10th To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen from Eli Parkers to the Baptist Meeting house, or act thereon.

11th. To see if the first Congregational Society will raise money for the support of the gospel Ministry and for defraying the parochial charges in said Society for the ensuing year, the same to be assessed on the members of said Society only. and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof, one at each of the public Meeting-houses, and at William and T.J. Adams tavern in said town two Sundays at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

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Warrant for March-Meeting 1829.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Alpheus Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford March 2d. 1829.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within directed, by posting up four attested copies of the same viz. one at each of the publick meetinghouses, and one at the tavern of Wm. and J. Adams, all in said Chelmsford ten days previous to the date hereof.

Otis Adams. Constable &c

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town-Clerk

Town of Chelmsford. Monday March 2d. A.D. 1829.

At a legal town meeting of the Inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote for Town Officers and in town affairs, held at the Meeting House in the middle of said town on Monday the second day of March A.D. 1829. at nine of the clock in the forenoon. The Town proceeded as follows, to wit.

Voted For a Moderator and chose Capt. James Pitts. after which prayers were offered by Rev. Mr. Allen.

Voted For a Town-Clerk and Joel Adams was chosen and was duly sworn in Town meeting by the Moderator.

Voted To choose three Selectmen.

Voted For the chairman of the Selectmen and chose Capt. Thomas Spaulding.

Voted For the second Selectman and chose Lieut. Charles Blood who declined serving - and then

Voted again for the second Selectman and chose Mr. Ephraim Adams. who also declined serving. and

Voted again for the second Selectman and chose Mr. Benjamin Chamberlain, who also declined serving.

Voted again for second Selectman, and chose Mr. Benja. Blood, who also declined serving and then

Voted again for second Selectman and chose Mr. Amos Whitney Junr. who also declined; and then

Voted again for the second Selectman and chose Mr. Daniel Parker, who also declined serving. and

Voted again and there was no choice. and then

Voted To adjourn the Meeting ten minutes, after which met according to adjournment and

Voted For a second Selectman and chose Capt. Otis Adams. who agreed to accept the office.

Voted For the third Selectman and chose Mr Josh. Thurston Farwell

March Meeting 1829 - continued.

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor.

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Shrebiah Spaulding and Mr. Ephraim Adams; and Capt Butterfield & Mr. Adams declined serving; and then -

Voted for one of the overseers of the Poor and chose Mr. David Parker who declined serving, and

Voted Voted again for an Overseer of the Poor and chose Lieut. David Perham, who accepted

Voted For the third Overseer of the Poor and chose Mr. Ephraim Warren who declined serving, and

Voted again for an Overseer of the Poor, and chose Capt. Lovel Fletcher, who accepted -

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Work House and chose Capt. Shrebiah Spaulding, Lieut. David Perham and Capt. Lovel Fletcher -

Voted For a Town Treasurer and chose Mr. Benjamin Chamberlain.

Voted To choose two Constables, and

Voted For a Constable and chose Lieut. Samuel Dunn. who accepted

Voted For another Constable and chose Mr. Israel Putnam, who accepted -

Voted To choose four Fishwardens and

Voted For four Fishwardens and chose Mr. Chauncy Richardson, Abel Simonds, John Vincent and Sewall Parker -

All the aforesaid Officers were chosen by ballot.

Voted To choose a Sectional School Committee, to consist of one man in each School District - and thereupon voted by nomination & chose

in District No. 1. Sewall Parker Junr

" " 3 Gideon Whittemore

" " 4 John B. Fletcher

" " 5 Jonathan Parker 3d

" " 6 Willard Byam.

in Distrut No. 7 Thomas Marshall
" " 8 George S. Messenger
" " 9 Isaac Chamberlain
" " 10 Silas Tyler

Voted To choose ten Surveyors of Highways and chose
Capt. Lovel Flutcher
Dan. Isaiah Spaulding
Capt. John Butterfield
Capt. Sherebiah Spaulding
Capt. John Shed
Amos Whitney Jun.
Benjamin Adams.
Joel B. Wright.
Benjamin Chamberlain
and Lieut. David Carlton

Voted To choose three Fence Viewers and chose
Benjamin Blood
Micajah Parkhurst and
Jonathan Parker 3d.

Voted To choose four field Drivers, and chose
Benjamin I. Obear
Shrake Livingston
Simeon Blodget and
John B. Flutcher.

Voted To choose nine Surveyors of Lumber and chose
Allen Robinson
Samuel F. Wood
John S. Farwell
Azariah Proctor Jr.
Jonathan Pierce
Daniel Proctor
Amos Whitney Jun.
Benjamin I. Obear, and
Micajah Bowers.

Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School-District; and chose -

March Meeting 1829. continued.

in District No. 1 Caleb Abbot. Esqr.
" " 3 Joel Parkhurst
" " 4 Parker Chamberlain
" " 5 Joseph Putnam
" " 6 Amos Byam
" " 7 Thomas Marshall
" " 8 Abel Simonds
" " 9 Allen Robinson
" " 10 Samuel P. Hadley

Voted To choose two more Measurers of wood and chose Samuel Stevens Esqr and Lieut. Charles Blood

Voted To choose two hog Reeves and chose John B. Fletcher and Simeon Byam.

Voted To choose four weighers of hay and chose Allen Robinson Thomas J. Adams Willard Read and Jesse Smith.

Voted To choose two Inspectors of lime and chose Capt. John Shed and Ebenezer Spaulding.

Voted To choose two Cullers of Staves and chose Micajah Bowers and Amos Whitney jun.

Voted and chose John Bateman, Pound Keeper.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee who made the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred dollars for the support of the Town Schools.

Voted and granted the sum of five hundred dollars for the support of the Poor.

Voted and granted the sum of eight hundred dollars for the repairs of the Roads and Bridges.

Voted.

Voted and granted the sum of sixteen hundred dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the town —

Voted That the Town Schools be kept in the same way and manner they were the last year.

Voted That the School Money be apportioned among the several School Districts as it was the last year

Voted That the roads and bridges be repaired in the same way and manner they were the last year.

Voted To restrain horses, neat cattle and Swine from going at large within the limits of said town without a Keeper.

Voted To dismiss the ninth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To refer the tenth Article in the Warrant to April Meeting.

Voted and granted the sum of five hundred and fifty Dollars for the support of the gospel ministry, and other parochial charges in the first Congregational Society in said town, to be assessed on the members of said Society only —

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

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Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer
made Feby 28th 1829

The Subscribers a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer have attended to this duty and submit the following Report, to wit.

1. Town and School-Money —

The Treasurer charges himself with cash due the Town at the last annual Settlement $ 315:81
Cash rec'd of Otis Adams Collector for 1824 362.73
Cash rec'd of Israel Putnam Esq. for 1828. 1904.52
amounting in all to $ 2583.06
and is credited with cash paid on sundry Town Orders from the Selectmen to the amount of 2102.96
leaving a Balance in favor of the town of $ 480.10

2. Militia Money —

The Treasurer charges himself with a Balance due the town on the last annual Settlement of $ 59.72
With cash rec'd of conditional Exempts 18.00
amounting to the sum of $ 77.72
and is credited
By cash paid to Capt. Jon^a M. Read
on orders from the Selectmen 14.34
leaving a Balance in the Treasury of $ 50.38

Chelmsford Feby 28th. 1829.

Otis Adams
Jael Adams } Committee
Benjamin Chamberlin Jr.

Recorded by Jael Adams Town Clerk

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

The Committee further report, that they have made an annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer of the Ministerial money of the first Congregational Society, and find that he has charged himself with a balance due from the Treasurer on the last annual Settlement, of $ 121.03
With cash rec'd of Israel Putnam Collector for 1828 482.43
and with cash rec'd of Israel Putnam collector for 1828, being money granted for painting the Meetinghouse 301.29
amounting in all to the sum of $ 904.75

And is credited by
Cash paid on sundry Orders 790.45
Balance in favor of the Society $ 114.30

Chelmsford Feby. 28. 1829

Otis Adams } Committee
Jael Adams }
Benj: Chamberlain. Treas.

Recorded by Jael Adams. Town Clerk

Town-Officers for the year 1829.

Town of Chelmsford March 2d A.D. 1829.
The following named persons were on the above-said day in Legal Town-meeting, chosen into the several offices sit against their respective names, and have appeared before me the Subscriber, and taken the oath required by law to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen. as follows. to wit

time of taking the oath		
March 14th	Silas Spaulding	Selectmen & Assessors.
	Otis Adams	
	John T. Fawell	
2	Samuel Dunn	Constables
14th	Isreal Putnam,	
2	Benjamin Adams	Surveyors of highways.
14	Lovel Fletcher.	
17	David Carlton	
30	Isaiah Spaulding.	
2	Benjamin Blood.	Fenceviewers.
14	Micajah Parkhurst	
April 10	Benjamin J. Obear	Field Drivers.
27	John B. Fletcher	
March 14	John T. Fawell.	Measurers of Lumber.
Apl 10	Benjamin J. Obear	

March 14. Abel Simonds — Measurers of Wood

2. John Vincent — Fish Wardens

Weighers of hay —

Inspectors of Lime.

Cullers of Staves —

Joel Adams. Town Clerk

13 Warrant for a Town Meeting March 30th. 1829.

Seal Middlesex ss.

Seal To either of the Constables of the town of

Seal Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on Monday the thirtieth day of March inst. at three of the Clock in the afternoon to to act on the following Articles viz -

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To take into consideration the Petition of John Osgood and others for an alteration in the highway leading from Westford Meetinghouse to the Bridge at the head of Middlesex Canal in Chelmsford, or act thereon -

3d at the request of Willard Read and others to see if the town will make a road leading from Alpheus Spauldings to Andrew Spauldings agreeable to a plan of Thomas J. Adams, if the Commissioners of Highways will locate the same, or act thereon -

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seals the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine -

Alpheus Spaulding
Otis Adams
John T. Fenwell
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Return of the Warrant —

Town of Chelmsford March 21st A.D. 1829 —

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford by posting up four attested copies of this Warrant, one at the outer Meeting house, one at the Baptist Meeting house, one at the Meeting house at the head of Middlesex Canal, and one at the Tavern occupied by Wm. Adams. Jr., qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on Monday the thirtieth day of March inst. at three of the Clock in the afternoon.

Israel Putnam, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

At a legal town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford held at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on Monday the 30th day of March. A.D. 1829. at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Town proceeded as follows. to wit

Voted For a Moderator and chose Capt. Otis Adams —

Voted To choose a Committee to attend on the County Commissioners and to oppose the Petition of Jim Gleason & others for an alteration of the Highway in this town —

Voted That said Committee consist of three —

Voted For said Committee and chose Jacl Adams Esq. Capt. Josiah Fletcher and Samuel Davis Esqr.

Voted And instructed said Committee to use all fair honorable and necessary Measures to oppose said Petition —

Voted and dismissed the Meeting —

A true Record Attest. Jacl Adams Town Clerk

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Warrant for April Meeting. A.D. 1829.—

Seal. Seal. Seal.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford qualified by the constitution to vote for State officers to assemble at the Meeting-house in the middle of said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon, being the first Monday of said month to give in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor and Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth and for five persons for Counsellors and Senators for the District of Middlesex for the ensuing year.— Also to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town to assemble at said time and place who are qualified to vote for Town-officers and in Town affairs, to act on the following articles viz;

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

2nd. To fill all vacant town Offices —

3rd. To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex for the ensuing year —

4th. To choose a Committee to make the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer —

5th. To see if the town will authorize Highway Surveyors to collect the money of those who neglect to work out their Highway tax —

6th. To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen from Eli Parker's to the Baptist Meeting House or act thereon.—

7th. To determine in what way the taxes shall be collected in said Town the ensuing year.

8th. To see if the Town will direct in what manner the Invoice of said Town shall be taken the ensuing year.—

9th. To see if the Town will repair the Work-house a shingle one of the Barns or act thereon.—

10th. To see if the Town will purchase one or more acres of Peat-Meadow for the use of the Work-house or act thereon.—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.—

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine

Alpheus Spalding
Otis Adams
John T. Farwell
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford April 6th 1829.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town by posting one attested copies one at each of the Publick Meeting houses and one at Wm. and T. J. Adams Tavern ten days at least before the holding of said Meeting.

Samuel Dunn. Constable &c.

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk.

Votes for Governor &c. 1829.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the sixth day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons.

For Governor — His Excellency Levi Lincoln ninety one Votes
Hon. Marcus Morton Seventeen Votes
Granville Parker one Vote

For Lt. Gov.r — His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop, one hundred and eleven Votes —

Alpheus Spaulding
Otis Adams
John T. Farwell
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Votes for Senators & Counsellors. 1829

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the Sixth day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the district of Middlesex - The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons.

For Hon. Benjamin F. Varnum ninety one Votes
" James Lewis, one hundred and thirteen Votes
" Charles Train, one hundred and ten Votes
Francis Winship Esq.r one hundred and eleven Votes
Thomas J. Goodwin Esq. one hundred eleven Votes
Daniel Richardson Esq. twenty one Votes
Granville Parker one vote

Alpheus Spaulding
Otis Adams
John T. Farwell
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jacob Adams Town Clerk

Town-Meeting - April 6th. 1829 -

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Williamstown, qualified by law to Vote for Town Officers and in Town affairs held at the Meeting-house in the middle of said Town on Monday the sixth day of April A.D. 1829. at one o'the Clock in the afternoon. The Town proceeded as follows:

Voted For a Moderator and choose Capt. James Pitts.

Voted For a County Treasurer and the Votes were for Hon. John Keyes, forty five votes.
James Pitts five Votes.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer and chose Jacob Adams, Samuel Stevens Esqr. and Samuel Davis Esqr.

Voted That the Surveyors of Highways be authorised to collect the money of such persons as shall neglect or refuse to work out their highway Taxes, and that said Surveyors expend the money so collected in repairing the highways in their respective Districts -

Voted To dismiss the sixth Article in the Warrant.

Voted That the collection of the Taxes for the ensuing year be offered to the person who will collect them for the lowest premium -

The collection of the Taxes was then put up and were struck off to Joseph Heywood, at one cent and nine mills on the Dollar -

Voted For a Collector of Taxes for the insuing year & Joseph Heywood was chosen.

Voted That the Collector shall be required to give Bonds to make a full and final settlement with the Town Treasurer and Selectmen by the first day of May 1830. and that he shall pay interest for such sum as shall then remain in the Collectors hands -

Voted That the Selectmen go to each persons house to take the Invoice -

April-Meeting — 1829-

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be directed to shingle and repair the small barn, and shingle the North side of the body of the house, and also repair the gable end of it, on the Poor farm

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be authorised to make such further repairs on said house, as they shall adjudge to be for the interest of the Town.

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be authorised to purchase a tract of Peat Meadow for the use of the Poor farm, not exceeding one acre —

Upon reading a Letter from the Selectmen of the town of Carlisle, addressed to the Selectmen of this town, on the subject of the recent losses of Capt. Ezekiel Nickles of said Carlisle, by fire —

Voted To choose a Committee to solicit Subscriptions of the Citizens of this town in behalf of said Nickles and his family —

Voted That said Committee consist of five, and choose Capt. Josiah Fletcher, William Adams Esq. Joel Adams, Nathaniel Howard Esq. and and Capt. Zacheus Wright.

Voted To dispense with reading the rest Act. &c.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Attest Joel Adams 2d Clerk

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Warrant for May Meeting A. 1829.

(Seal.) Middlesex ss. To Israel Pulsifer one of the Constables in the
(Seal.) Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.
(Seal.) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Elections and in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting-house in the centre of said Town on Thursday the seventh day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon

1st. To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year.

2nd. To choose one or more persons to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May next also to act on the following articles viz

1st. To choose a Moderator

2nd. To see if the Town will abate Ebenezer B. Richardson's taxes in Chelmsford for 1828 or act thereon

3rd. To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen beginning at a stake and stones on land of Nathan[l] Oliver on the road near Dea. John Farwells to the road leading over Ridge Hill agreeably to a plan laid down by J. Q. Adams or act thereon.

4th. To see if the Town will discontinue the road begining at a corner of Aplemes Spaldings feild untill it intersects the road leading from Brooked Spring to John Farrars and also a road begining at the same corner of said feild untill it intersects the road leading from John Farrars to Stoney Brook Bridge, provided the Town accept the road petitioned for in the third article or act thereon

5th. At the request of David Dickenson and others to see if the town will permit such of the inhabitants of said Town as are unable to obtain pasturing to pasture the highway on such conditions as the Town shall prescribe or act thereon.

6th. At the request of Reuben Parker Jr. and others to see if the Town will open and repair the old road from the house of Betsey Foster untill it intersects the new road leading from Ezekiel Byams to the middle of Chelmsford or act thereon

7th. At the request of Wm. Byam and others to see if the Town will woden the Road in front of his house on a straight line from a corner of Capt. Zacheus Wrights land to a corner of Henry Byams land or act thereon.

8th. At the request of James Fitts and others to see if the first Congregational Society will consent that the Rev. Wilkes Allen Pastor of said Society shall exchange Ministerial Labours with any Minister of regular standing whatever may be the denomination to which he belongs provided he the Rev. Wilkes Allen should be willing so to do.—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.—

Given under our hands and seals this twenty second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine

Alpheus Spalding, } Selectmen
Otis Adams, } of
John S. Farwell, } Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford April 25th 1829.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the said Town of Chelmsford to meet at the within named time and place by posting four attested copies one at each of the Publick Meeting-houses and one at Wm. and J. J. Adams tavern twelve days before the time of holding this Meeting.

Israel Putnam Constable &c.

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk.

May-Meeting — A.D. 1829 —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court and also in Town affairs, held at the meeting-house in the middle of said town on Thursday the seventh day of May. A.D. 1829 - at one of the Clock in the afternoon - they proceed as follows to wit —

Voted To choose one Representative to the next general Court
Voted For a Representative and the Votes were for —
Joel Adams. fifty eight, and for Capt -
Alpheus Spaulding, ten Votes -
Voted For a Moderator and chose Nathaniel Howard, Esq
Voted To refer the second Article in the Warrant to the assessors.
Voted That the assessors be directed to abate Ebenezer B -
Richardson's Taxes, unless they have satisfactory evidence
that he is liable to pay them -
Voted To refer the third Article in the Warrant to a Committee to report at the next Town Meeting -
Voted That said Committee consist of three and chose
Dr. John C. Dalton, Capt. Josiah Fletcher and
Mr. Samuel F. Wood -
Voted To refer the fourth Article in the Warrant to the same Com^tee
Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to give liberty to such poor
persons, as may keep but one cow. to let one cow run on
the highways, subject to such regulations as the Selectmen
shall adopt, the owners of such cows being liable for all
damages in the same manner, they were before the passing
of this Vote.
Voted To Refer the sixth Article in the Warrant to the Selectmen
with instructions to cause the said road to be opened
if they see cause to do it -
Voted To refer the Seventh Article in the Warrant to the Selectmen, to report to the Town —
Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to appropriate
the sum of fifteen dollars towards the support of
Martha Dunn (a deaf & dumb person) at Hartford -

May-Meeting- A. D. 1829- con-d-

Voted That the first Congregational Society are well satisfied with the course heretofore pursued by the Revd Mr. Allen in relation to exchanges of ministerial labors, and therefore it is inexpedient to act further on this subject -

Voted To dismiss the meeting

A true Record
Attest Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

Warrent for June Meeting A.D. 1829. 26

(Seal) Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford
(Seal) in said County — Greeting —
(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting-house in the middle of said Town on Monday the twenty-ninth day of June at four o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz —

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at the Meeting —

2nd. At the request of Ezekiel Byam and others to see if the Town will determine and agree upon the acceptance of the new Road from Sawpit hill to Ezekiel Byams store in said Chelmsford or act thereon as the Town may think proper —

3rd. To see if the Town will direct in what way the Money shall be obtained for defraying the expense of making said road if it shall be accepted —

4th. To hear the report of a Committee chosen at the last town meeting to view the road laid out to the Selectmen from Nathan Cleves land near Dea. John Farwells to the southeast corner of Ephens Spaldings field also to hear the report of the same Committee on the expediency of discontinuing the old roads referred to them at said meeting; also the report of a Committee chosen at said Meeting to view the Road in front of Mr Wm. Byams house or act thereon —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof as follows — one at each of the publick Meeting-houses and one at the tavern of Wm and T. T. Adams all in said Chelmsford ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting —

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen at the time & place of meeting aforesaid —

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine —

Ephens Spalding
Otis Adams
John T. Farwell
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Warrant for June Meeting; 1829.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford June 9th 1829.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford to meet at the Centre Meeting house by posting attested Copies at each of the publick Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Wm and J. J. Adams ten days before the time for holding said Meeting.

Samuel Dunn. Constable &c.

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk.

Town-Meeting. June 29. 1829.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmsford. held at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the twenty ninth day of June A.D. 1829. at four of the Clock in the afternoon — the Town proceeded as follows. to wit —

Voted — For a Moderator & chose Jack Adams —

Voted — That the Road from Sawpit Hill to Byam's Store be made to the acceptance of the County Commissioners

Voted — To choose an Agent to attend on said Commissioners to view said Road —

Voted — For said Agent and chose Jack Adams —

Voted — and instructed said Agent to invite said Commissioners to view said Road, as soon as may be convenient —

Voted — To refer the third article in the Warrant to the Selectmen.

Voted — To accept the report of the Committee appointed to view the road near Dea. Wm Tarwell's —

Voted — That the further consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to view the Road near Mr. William Byam's, be referred to the next Town Meeting

Voted — To dismiss the Meeting —

A true Record Attest Jack Adams Town Clerk

Warrant for August Meeting 1829.

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Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the centre Meeting House in Chelmsford on Monday the seventeenth day of August at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz —

1st. To choose a Moderator —

2nd. To take into consideration the petition of Willard Read and others the petition of Silas Jones and others, and the petition of Samuel Fletcher 2nd and others praying to the Commissioners of Highways for the County of Middlesex for new highways and straightening three different sections of the Town and act thereon —

3rd. To take into consideration the reports of the several Committees not decided upon at the last town meeting and refered to this Meeting —

4th. To see what method the town will take to repair the Bridge over Stoney Brook near Nathan Cleves —

5th. To hear the Report of the Agent who attended the County Commissioners on the new road from Sawpit Hill to C. Byams Store and act thereon —

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one at each of the Publick Meeting houses and one at Adams tavern in Chelmsford ten days at least before the time for holding said Meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid —

Given under our hands and seals this first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine —

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Otis Adams } of
John T. Farwell } Chelmsford —

Warrant for August Meeting, 1829.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford August 8th 1829.

I served the within Warrant by posting four attested copies thereof one at each of the publick Meeting-houses and one at William Adams's tavern all in said Town ten days before the time of holding said Meeting

Israel Putnam Constable &c

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk

Town Meeting. August 17th. A.D. 1829-

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Charlestown held at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said town on Monday the 17th day of August A.D. 1829- at two of the Clock in the afternoon. They proceeded as follows, viz:

Voted For a Moderator by ballot and choose Nathaniel Howard Esqr.

Voted To pass over so much of the second Article in the Warrant as relates to the Petition of Willard Read and others.

Voted To choose a Committee to attend on the County Commissioners, and oppose the Petitions of Silas Jones and others, and of Samuel Fletcher & others.

Voted For said Committee and chose Joel Adams, Willard Read and James Pitts.

Voted To excuse James Pitts, and chose Capt. Josiah Fletcher in his stead.

Voted and instructed said Committee to oppose said Petitions in such manner as they shall judge to be for the interest of the town.

Voted That the Committee on the Petition of Dan. John Farwell and others for a new highway, be directed to make their report at the town Meeting in April next.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee on the subject of altering and widening the road near William Byam's house

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to repair the Bridge over Stoney Brook near Nathan Olivers, in such manner as they think best,

Voted To accept the report of the Agent who attended the County Commissioners on the road from Sawpit hill to E. Byam's Store, and that said Report and also the Report of the County Commissioners be recorded

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Road Report. June 1829.

The subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town to examine the Road in front of Mr. William Byams house and report on the expediency of widening the same have attended to thier duty and would submit to them the following report viz

That it is necessary that said road should be widened and that we have laid it out as follows beginning at the north west corner on land of Capt. Zacheus Wright and running Westerly on land of Samuel Parkhurst to the northeast corner of Henry Byams land being one rod wide in the widest place and running to a point at each end. We estimated the damage of the land of Samuel Parkhurst at twelve dollars which Mr. Wm. Byam agrees to pay provided the town move the wall and widen the road All of which is submitted to the consideration of the town by

Alpheus Spalding
Ris Adams. } Committee
John T. Farwell.

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk

The Subscriber having been appointed by the town at thier last Town Meeting an Agent to cause the new highway from Sawpit Hill to Ezekiel Byams Store to be examined by the County Commissioners for the purpose of ascertaining whether said road was made acceptable to said Commissioners has attended to the duty assigned him as will appear by the Report of said Commissioners herewith submitted.

The Commissioners have charged for thier services and expenses the sum of eighteen dollars which sume the subscriber respectfully requests the Town to order out of the Town Treasury for the purpose of paying said Commissioners

All which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Town by

Joel Adams.

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County Commissioners Report 1829.

We the Subscribers County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex hereby certify that it is our usual practice to order the County Highways to be laid out & to be constructed in the following manner viz. - Laid out 3 rods wide; - travelled part made convenient for the passage of Carriages 24 feet in width; small inequalities levelled and large rises and falls reduced to an angle of not more than 4 degrees with the horizon low grounds raised 2 feet above the natural surface; and 18 inches crowning in all places; stone sluiceways to be in all places necessary to conduct away water - stumps stones and all other obstructions to be taken out of the way and the whole to be levelled, smoothed & made of suitable materials in a workmanlike manner.

And we further certify that we have this day at request of Joel Adams Esq. Agent for the town of Chelmsford viewed & examined a road lately laid out by the Selectmen of Chelmsford from near the house of said Adams to Mr. Ezekiel Byam's Store; and we find that said road has not been constructed and made in the manner by us usually ordered in the following particulars viz -

1st It is not in all places opened to the width of 3 rods -

2d. It is not made convenient for the passage of carriages to the width of 24 feet; but in most places it is not more than 20 feet -

3rd. Several places require sluiceways where are none -

4th. The Hills in many places are at a greater angle with the horizon than 4 degrees varying from 4 to 7½ degrees -

5th. Small inequalities are not sufficiently levelled and smoothed. stumps & stones are in some places left in the travelled part: and is not in all places properly and in a workmanlike manner completed & finished -

Witness our hands -

Caleb Butler.
B. F. Varnum.
Augustus Tower.

Chelmsford June 9th 1829.

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Dec. 21st 1829.

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Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in the middle village from on Monday the twenty first of December at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To take into consideration the petition of James Adams and others requesting to be incorporated a Town & act thereon

3d To see if the Town will vote to pay the expenses of the Town & all the Town will vote a Bill of all expenses for the present year to be printed

4th To see if the Town will vote that the expenses of the Town for the present year shall be printed

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies hereof at each of the public meeting houses and one at the dwelling house of Thomas Adams all in said Chelmsford seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to make at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine

Aitchens Spalding. } Selectmen
Jos Adams. } of
John G Farwell. } Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk.

Pursuant to within warrant I have notified and warned the said inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford to meet at the within named time and place by posting up attested copies of said warrant at each of the publick meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Amos S. Adams all in said Town ten days before the date hereof.

Israel Putnam.
Constable of Chelmsford.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford December 21st 1829.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, Dec. 21. 1829 –

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Meeting house in the Center of the town on monday the twenty first day of December A.D. 1829, at two of the clock in the afternoon – they proceeded as follows, viz

Voted for a Moderator and chose Nath.l Howard Esq.r on motion that the town oppose the petition of Amos Whitney and others, praying the general Court to set them off from this town and to annex them to Lowell, it was Voted, that the question be taken by yeas and Nays –
Whereupon the yeas and nays were duly taken and were as follows; to wit;

Yeas –
Josiah Fletcher; Israel Putnam; Joseph Adams; Isaac Chamberlain; John Farwar; Ephraim Adams; Charles Richardson; Jonas Spaulding; Elijah Richardson; Owen Emerson Jr; Willard Read; John Carlton; John Crosby; David Dutton; Joseph Warren; Jonathan Parker 2.d; George S. Messenger; Asa Hodgman Jr; John Butterfield; Simon Blodget; Abel Simonds; Jonathan Peirce; David Carlton; Lewall Parkhurst; Wm. Bynn; Noah Spaulding; Oliver Peirce; Andrew Parkhurst; Oliver Parkhurst; Azariah Procter Jr; Jonathan M. Read; Josiah Fletcher Jr; Sprake Livingston; Timothy Manning Jr; John Swett; John Parker; Robert Richardson; Joseph Richardson; Benj.a Blood; Samuel P. Hadley; Daniel Parker; Edmund Swett; Charles Blood; Israel B. Wright; Solomon Parkhurst; Benjamin Chamberlain; Ephraim Warren; James Pitts; Zacheus Wright; Nathaniel Howard; Alpheus Spaulding; Eli.s Adams; John T. Farwell;

Town Meeting Decr 21. 1829

Yeas -

Amos Byam ; Dean Holt ; George W. Parham ;
Josiah F. Abbot ; George Richardson ; Sherwin
Spaulding ; Caleb Abbot ; and Jael Adams.
being Sixty one ; and the Nays were -
Amos Whitney ; Francis Bush ; Jesse Smith ;
Charles Bent ; Amos Whitney jr. ; Otis Tyler ;
Nathan Tyler ; Samuel Tyler ; William Hersey ;
Daniel Frame ; Ebenr Adams ; Lisby Stannard -

Voted That the Town will oppose said Petition, and that Jael Adams, as the Representative of this town, be instructed to oppose the same in the General Court -

Voted That the Selectmen cause the expenses of the town for the present year to be printed, and that one copy be furnished to each family

Voted To dismiss the meeting -

Attest. Jael Adams, Town Clerk

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Chelmsford & Billerica

Town Lines perambulated Oct. 28. 1829

We the subscribers, Selectmen of Billerica and Chelmsford hereby certify that we have perambulated the lines and renewed the Bounds between said towns, by erecting Stone monuments, marked B. C. according to Law, as follows, viz —

1st At Concord River, where the Pawtucket State, so called stood —

2nd On the Westerly side of the Lowell road, a few rods southerly of the Brick Yard —

3rd On the great road leading from Billerica to Chelmsford, standing on the north side of said road near land of William Manning.

4th. On the new Western road, so called, on the South side of said road, at the end of a Wall, a few rods West of Edward Spaulding's house.

5th By the wall near the house of the widow Ruhamah Davis.

6th At the Corner of Billerica, Carlisle and Chelmsford in the Davis meadow, which is the corner bound, marked B. C. C.

Marshall Preston } Selectmen of Billerica
Ichabod Everett }
Alpheus Spaulding }
Otis Adams. } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jos. Adams. Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting A.D. 1830 —

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Middlesex ss. To Israel Talman one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote for town Officers and in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said town by giving ten days notice on Monday the first day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz.

1st. To choose a Moderator ——

2nd. To make choice of all town Officers for the ensuing year —

3rd. To hear the report of the Committee to make the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer and act thereon ——

4th. To grant money for the support of Schools, the Poor, Roads and all other Town charges ——

5th. To direct in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept the ensuing year —

6th. To direct in what way and manner the Roads and Bridges shall be repaired in said town the ensuing year — ——

7th. To see if the town will restrain horses, neat Cattle, and Swine from going at large in said town the ensuing year ——

8th. To choose Overseers of the Workhouse for the ensuing year ——

9th. To see to which of the highway Districts the Road leading from Joel Adams to Ezekiel Byams store shall be annexed, and to make any alterations in the limits of the highway Districts lying contiguous to, or intersecting said Road —

10th. To see if the town will discontinue the old road across Chesnut Hill from the great Road leading by Alpheus Spaulding's till it intersects the new Road leading across Chesnut hill or act thereon ——

11th. At the request of Capt. Shearjashub Spalding and others to inquire if the first Congregational Society in said town will consent that the first Universalist society in said town may occupy their Meeting house a portion of the time on the Sabbath for publick worship the ensuing year or act thereon

12th. To see if the ~~first~~ Congregational Society in said town will raise money for the support of the Gospel Ministers and other Parochial charges in said society for the ensuing year, to be assessed on the members of said society only — ——

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Warrant for March Meeting, con —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty —

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Otis Adams } of
John T. Farwell } Chelmsford.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford March 1st. 1830 —

Pursuant to the within Warrent I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the within mentioned time and place by posting attested copies one at each of the Publick Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of William Adams Jr. all in said town ten days before the date hereof.

attest. Isreal Putnam —
Constable of Chelmsford.

A true Record. attest Joel Adams Town Clerk
of Chelmsford.

March-Meeting- A.D. 1830.

Town of Chelmsford, Monday, March 1st 1830 –

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford qualefied by Law to Vote for Town-Officers, and in Town-affairs, held at the Meeting-house in the middle of said town on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1830. at nine of the clock in the forenoon – being the annual Town-Meeting – they proceeded and Voted as follows, to wit;

Voted For a Moderator of said Meeting and chose Capt. James Pitts: after which Prayers were offered by the Revd. John Parkhurst.

Voted For a Town-Clerk, and Joel Adams was chosen, and ~~xx~~ was sworn into office by the Moderator of the Meeting as the Law directs.

Voted For the first Selectman, and chose Capt. Alpheus Spaulding, who declined serving –

Voted again for the first Selectman and chose Capt. Otis Adams.

Voted For the second Selectman, and chose John T. Fanwell.

Voted For the third Selectman and chose Mr. Francis Richardson, who declined serving –

Voted again for the third Selectman and chose Mr. Charles H. Barber –

Voted For a Town Treasurer, and chose Mr. Benj: Chamberlain.

Voted For a Constable and chose Mr. Samuel Dunn

Voted. For another Constable and chose Capt. James Pitts, and they both signified their acceptance of the office –

Voted To adjourn this Meeting for thirty minutes – after which met again at the same place agreable to the adjournment and

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor, and

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor and Capt. Sherebiah Spaulding, Lieut. David Perham and Mr. Ephraim Adams were chosen, and they all declined serving –

Voted For one Overseer of the Poor and chose Mr. Benjamin Chamberlain, who declined serving

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March Meeting. 1830. continued.

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor, and chose Robert Richardson, Ephraim Warren and Joseph Warren Jr. all of whom declined serving.

Voted again for three Overseers of the Poor. and chose Samuel Davis Esq: Daniel Parker and Daniel Proctor, and Daniel Parker and Daniel Proctor declined serving.

Voted For two Overseers of the Poor. and chose Capt. Asa Hodgman Jr. and Daniel Parker, both of whom declined serving.

Voted again for two Overseers of the Poor and chose Capt. Zaccheus Wright and George Richardson. both of whom declined serving.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to make a nomination of two persons, who will consent to serve as Overseers of the Poor.

Voted For said Committee and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Shurebiah Spaulding and Lieut. David Perham, who made a verbal report and nominated Daniel Parker and George Richardson — whereupon

Voted For two Overseers of the Poor and the said Daniel Parker and George Richardson were chosen, and consented to serve accordingly —

Voted To choose four Fish-Wardens, and chose Elbridge Joslyn, James C. Burgess, Samuel Kinsman and Elisha W. Tilson. — all the above were chosen by Ballot.

Voted To choose a Prudential School-Committee, consisting of one man in each School-District and chose in

District No. 1. George Richardson.
" " 3 Joel Parkhurst
" " 4 George Sawyer
" " 5 Capt. Asa Hodgman Jr.
" " 6 Benj: Haywood
" " 7 Benj: Livingstone
" " 8 Benj: Spaulding
" " 9 William Adams Jr.
" " 10 Samuel R. Hadley —

Voted To choose ten Surveyors of Highways and chose -
Bryant Emerson
Capt. Alpheus Spaulding.
Francis Richardson
Israel Putnam
Charles Adams
Otis Tyler
Jacob Kidder
Daniel Proctor
Joseph Marshall, and
Oliver Pierce.

Voted To choose three fence Viewers and chose, Daniel Parker, Parker Chamberlain and Charles Adams -

Voted To choose three field Drivers, and chose John B. Fletcher, Francis Richardson and Benjamin I. Obear -

Voted To choose nine Surveyors of Lumber and chose
Azariah Proctor Jr.
Allen Robinson
Daniel Proctor
Henry Byam
Benj: I. Obear
Isaac Livingston
Samuel F. Wood
Amos Whitney jun.
and Ezekiel Byam.

Voted To choose one measurer of Wood in each School District, and chose in District No. 1. Joseph Read
" " 3 Joel Parkhurst
" " 4 Ezekiel Byam
" " 5 Capt. Shenbeak Spaulding.
" " 6 John Parker
" " 7 Thomas Marshall.
" " 8th. Isaiah Spaulding.
" " 9 Thomas I. Adams.
" " 10 Samuel F. Hadley

Voted

March Meeting. 1830, continued.

Voted To choose two measurers of Wood and chose — Samuel Stevens Esq^r and Capt. Zaccheus Wright.

Voted To choose three Hog-Reeves and chose ——
Capt. John T. Torrey
John T. Farwell, and
Benjamin Spaulding -

Voted To choose four weighers of Hay and chose
Thomas J. Adams
Allen Robinson
Willard Read, and
Jesse Smith -

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime and chose Capt. John Shed and Artemas Parker.

Voted To choose two Cullers of Staves and chose Amos Whitney Jun^r and David^c Dutton -

Voted and chose Stephen Pierce, Pound Keeper -

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Work-house, and chose by ballot, Samuel Davis, Esq^r, Daniel Parker, and George Richardson -

Voted To accept of the Report of the Committee who made the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer,

Voted and granted Eight hundred dollars for the support of the Town Schools the ensuing year.

Voted and granted the sum of five hundred dollars for the support of the Town's Poor.

Voted That the surplus money now remaining unexpended, which was heretofore granted for the support of the Poor, be applied by the Selectmen to pay the Town's debts.

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred dollars to defray the expenses of repairing the roads and bridges -

Voted and granted the sum of eight hundred dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the town

Voted That the School-Money be apportioned among the several School-Districts, according to the amount which each District pays Excepting the sum of fifty dollars -

Voted

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to apply the sum of fifty dollars of the School Money to the relief of the small Districts at their discretion -

Voted That the roads and bridges be repaired the same way and manner as they were the last year -

Voted To restrain Horses, Neat-Cattle and other Commonable Beasts from going at large on the Common and Highways in said town without a Keeper, the year ensuing -

Voted To refer the ninth Article in the Warrant to a Committee of three to report at the next Town Meeting -

Voted For said Committee and chose Lort. Amos Whitney, Benjamin Chamberlain and Capt. Alpheus Spaulding

Voted To postpone the tenth Article in the Warrant to the next Town-Meeting in April -

Parochial Business.

Voted To refer the eleventh Article in the Warrant to a Committee of three, with instructions to confer with said first Universalist Society upon the subject of said Article, and make their Report at the next Town Meeting -

Voted For said Committee and chose Joel Adams, Capt. Josiah Fletcher and Deac. Noah Spaulding -

Voted and granted the sum of four hundred for the Support of Gospel Ministry in the first Congregational Society in this town, to be assessed on the Members of said Society -

Voted To dismiss the meeting -

A true Record. Attest Joel Adams, Town Clk

Settlement with the Town Treasurer March. 1830.

The Subscribers a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer have attended to their duty and submit the following Report, to wit, 1st=

Town and School Money—

The Treasurer charges himself with cash due the Town at the last annual Settlement—	$ 480.10	
To Cash received of Otis Adams Collector for 1827 - - - - - -	2.62	
To Cash received of Israel Putnam Collector for 1828 - - - - -	267.57	
To Cash received of Joseph Hemwood Collector for 1829 - - - - - - -	$ 2397.00	
Amounting in all to the sum of - -		$ 3147.29
And is credited by Cash paid on sundry Town orders from the Selectmen to the amount of - - - - - - - -		$ 3247.90
Leaving a balance in favour of the Treasurer of - - - - - - -		$ 100.61

2nd

Militia Money.

The Treasurer charges himself with a balance due the Town on last Annual Settlement of		$ 60.38
To Cash received of conditional Exempts - - -		24.00
Amounting to the sum of - - - - - -		$ 84.38
And is credited by Cash paid on orders from the Selectmen - - - - - -		$ 55.54
Leaving a ballance in the Treasurers of -		$ 28.84

Chelmsford February 27. 1830.

Joel Adams.
Samuel Davis. } Committee
Samuel Stevens.

Benjamin Chamberlain Treas.r.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk.

The Committee further report that they have made an annual settlement with the Town Treasurer of the Ministerial money of the first Congregational Society - - and find that he has charged himself with a balance due from the Treasurer on the last annual Settlement of - - - - - - - - - $ 114.30

To Cash received of Joseph Heywood Collector for 1829 - - - - - - $ 470.62

Amounting to the sum of - - - $ 584.92

And is credited by Cash paid Revd Wilkes Allen on orders - $ 400.00

By Cash paid on sundry other orders - 54.45

Amounting in all the the sum of $ 454.45

Leaving a balance in favor of the Society of 130.47

Joel Adams.
Sam[l] Davis. } Committee
Sam[l] Stevens.

Benj. Chamberlain Treasurer.

Chelmsford February 27. 1830.

A true Record. Attest> Joel Adams Town Clk.

Town-Officers for the year - 1830 —

Town of Chelmsford. Monday, March 1st A.D. 1830 -

The following named persons were on the above said day in legal town meeting chosen into the several offices set against their respective names, and have appeared before me, the Subscriber, Town Clerk, and taken the oath required by law to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen - as follows, to wit.

Time of taking the oath - 1830		
March 6th	Otis Adams	
	John T. Farwell	} Selectmen
	Charles H. Barber	
	Otis Adams	
	John T Farwell	} Assessors -
	Charles H. Barber	
1st	Samuel Dunn	} Constables
" 6th	James Pitts	
"	Isreal Putnam	
	[illegible] Adams	
	Otis Tyler	
25	Oliver Pierce	} Surveyors of Highways.
April 5	Alpheus Spaulding	
May 19	Francis Richardson	
		} Fence-Viewers.
		} Field-Drivers

Town Officers for 1830 – Sworn

Time of taking the oath

March 6 Benjamin S. Obear – Surveyors of Lumber

Ap. 5

6 Thomas Marshall
Ap 5 Isaiah Spaulding Measurers of Wood

6 Elbridge Joslyn
" James L. Burgess
" Samuel Kinsman,
" Elisha W. Tilson Fishwardens.

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Attest Joel Adams. Town-Clerk

Warrent for April Meeting 1830

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Middlesex ss. To Capt Amos Wilson one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote in State Elections to meet at the Meeting house in the Centre of said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at twelve o'clock A.M. being the first Monday of said month — To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governer and Lieutenant Governer of the Commonwealth and for five Senators and Counsellors on one ballot for the district of Middlesex for the year ensueing ——

Also to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the above named time and place then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st. To Choose a Moderator ——

2nd. To bring in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex —

3rd. To fill all vacant Town Offices ——

4th. To choose a committe to make the next annual settlement with the town Treasurer —

5th. To Vendue the collection of Taxes for the year 1830 ——

6th. To see if the town will abate Joseph Baileys taxes remaining unpaid previous to the year 1826. which were committed to Mr Luther Marshall to collect —

7th. at the request of Robert Richardson and others to see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectman beginning at a stake and stones near the house of Andrew Spalding and ending at a stake & stones near the house of Capt Stephen Spalding or act thereon ——

8th. To see what course the town will take with regard to making the survey of the town as required by the last session of the Legislature —

9th. At the request of Oliver Hutchins to see if the town will accept of a Road as laid out or straightened by the Selectmen beginning at a point in the old Road at a stake and stones north of said Hutchens house & and running southerly till it intersects the Road south of said Hutchens house or act thereon ——

10th. At the request of George Sawyer to see if the town will repair the old County road leading from the school house no. 4 to Carlisle line or act thereon ——

11th. To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last March meeting

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Warrent for April Meeting 1830. cont'd —

11th. To which was refered the ninth Article in the Warrent of said meeting or act thereon —

12th. To act on the 10th Article of the Warrent for March meeting which was refused to the next meeting to see if the Town will discontinue the old road across Chesnut hill as Prayed for in that article —

13th. To hear and act on the Report of the Committee appointed at a former Town Meeting to view a proposed new highway as prayed for by Deac. John Farwell and others —

14th. For the First Congregational Society in said Town to hear the Report of their Committee chosen at the last March Meeting to whom was refered the 11th. Article in the Warrant for said meeting, and act thereon —

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Publick Meeting Houses and one at the Inn of Wm & O.J. Adams in said town ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting —

Hereof fail not and make return of ~~this warrant~~ with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid — Given under our hands and seals this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty —

Otis Adams
John F. Farwell
Charles H Barbour
} Selectmen of Chelmsford —

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford March 23rd. 1830 —

I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford as directed in said Warrant by posting Copies of the same attested at each of the Publick Meeting houses and at the Inn of Wm & O.J. Adams in Chelmsford as aforesaid ten days before the time appointed for the meeting —

James Pitts — Constable of Chelmsford —

Recorded by Abel Adams Town Clerk —

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Votes for Governor &c. 1830.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln —	
one hundred and fifteen Votes	115
Hon. Marcus Morton —	
twenty eight Votes	28
Hon. Harrison Gray Otis —	
one Vote	1
Mr. Azariah Prouton Jr.	
one Vote	1

For Lieutenant Governor

His Honor. Thomas L. Winthrop	
one hundred and seventeen Votes.	117
Hon. Nathan Willis	
twenty eight Votes	28
Mr. Azariah Prouton 1 vote	1

Otis Adams
John T. Farwell } Selectmen of Chelmsford
Charles H. Barber

Attest Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Votes for Senators &c. 1830-

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators & Counsellors for the District of Middlesex — The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons -

For. Hon. Benjamin F. Varnum,	one hundred thirty three	133
" Thomas J. Goodwin,	one hundred Seventeen	117
" Francis Winship,	one hundred eighteen	118
" Micah M. Rutter	Eighty eight	88
" Jamy Lewis,	Eighty four	84
" John Locke	fifty four	54
" Asahel Stearns	fifty one	51
" Leonard M. Parker,	twenty five	25
" John Wade	nine	9
James Russell, Esq.	twenty Seven	27

Otis Adams
John T. Farwell } Selectmen of Chelmsford
Charles H. Barker

Attest Jacl Adams Town Clerk

Annual Town-Meeting — April 1830.

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs, held at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the fifth day of April A.D. 1830. at O'clock The Town proceeded and

Voted For a Moderator and chose Nathaniel Howard, Esq.

Voted For a County Treasurer for the County of Middlesex and the Votes for Hon. John Keyes — Seventy one —

Voted To excuse Mr. Joseph Marshall from serving as a Surveyor of Highways and chose Majr. Joseph Manning in his stead.

Voted To excuse Mr. ~~Jacob~~ Kidder, from serving as a Surveyor of Highways and Mr. Prescott Kimball ~~was~~ chosen in his stead

Voted To choose one Field-Driver in the room of Mr Francis Richardson, who has declined serving — and Benjamin Byam was chosen accordingly.

Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood, and chose George F. Messenger —

Voted To choose a School Committe to consist of three.

Voted For said Committee by ballot, and chose Revd Wilkes Allen, Revd John Parkhurst and Mr. Benjamin Chamberlain.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to make the next annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

Voted For said Committee and chose Joel Adams Amos Whitney and William Adams, Esqrs.

Voted That the collection of the Taxes for the present year be offered to the lowest bidder, he not to be paid for what shall remain uncollected and paid over to the Town Treasurer by the last day of February and to make a final Settlement with with the Town Treasurer by the first day of May 1831 —

The Taxes were then put up and struck off to Saml. E. Foster at one cent and seven Mills per Dol.

April Meeting continued

Voted For a collector of Taxes and chose Joseph Haywood, who agreed to collect them at one cent and eight Mills on a Dollar, on the foregoing conditions.

Voted To dismiss the sixth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To dismiss the Seventh Article in the Warrant.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to cause a Survey of the Town to be made agreeable to a resolve of the last Genl. Court.

Voted For said Committee and chose Jael Adams, Nathaniel Howard and William Adams, Esqrs

Voted To dismiss the ninth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To dismiss the tenth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To refer the eleventh Article in the Warrant to the next Town Meeting.

Voted To dismiss the Twelfth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To pospone the thirteenth Article in the Warrant to the annual Town Meeting in April 1831 -

The Members of the first Congregational Society voted to accept the Report of their Committee chosen at the last Town Meeting -

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

A true Record, Attest Jael Adams Town Clerk

Report of Committee. First Congl. Society.

The Committee of the first Congregational Society in Chelmsford to whom was referred the seventh Article of the Warrant for the annual Town Meeting in March last with instructions to confer with the first Universalist Society in Chelmsford, and report at the next Town Meeting, have attended to the duty assigned them as stated in the following

Report; to wit —

Having been informed by Capt. Sherebiah Bowers one of the gentlemen named in said Article, that Capt. Jonathan M. Read was the Clerk of said Universalist Society, your Committee delivered to said Read on the 22nd of March last a Notice of the Sentiment in writing, with a request that said Read would inform this Society of the same, a Copy of which Notice accompanies this Report. After which your Committee were requested by Samuel Davis Esq. to meet at Mr. Reed's Tavern on the 24th of March when they met for the purpose of attending to the duty and having then ascertained that there was no such religious Society duly organized in this Town, as stated in said Article: that said Article was not inserted in said Warrant by the order or vote of any such Society, but at the request of certain Individuals some of whom are members of this Society, and no person being authorized to confer with your Committee upon the said request, your Committee could proceed no farther. —

Although it cannot be supposed that any gentleman would assume to act without authority in the name and on behalf of a religious Society, and make in their behalf a request as set forth in said Article; your Committee feel bound to state, that Records or minutes kept by Capt. Read as their Clerk, gave no evidence of any Vote or order authorising said Request. To improper motives however can be imputed to these gentlemen, as they professed to entertain the most friendly feelings to this Society.

Report of Committee. First Congl Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted
by — Joel Adams.
Josiah Fletcher. } Committee
Noah Spalding.

Confirmed in Said 5th 1830.

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk.

Notice. Copy of — &c.

Chelmsford March 20th A.D. 1830.

To the First Universalist Society in Chelmsford.

You are hereby notified in the
manner directed by law to meet at the
meeting House of the First Congregational
Society in said Chelmsford on Monday the
twenty ninth day of March instant at
two o'clock P.M. then and there to act
upon the following Article viz. To see if
Mesheck Spalding and others to enquire if the first Con-
gregational Society in said town will consent that
the First Universalist Society in said Chelmsford may
occupy their Meeting House a portion of the time on the
Sabbath for publick worship the ensuing year".
The same was referred to us, as a Committee on the
part of said Congregational Society, with instructions
to confer with said Universalist Society or their Com-
mittee upon the subject of the
matter in said Article and make
a report at the next Meeting — We therefore are ready
to meet and confer with you upon the subject
of said Article at such time and place as you
may please to appoint —

We also request your attendance with
a copy of the vote of your Society relating to the above
request, and subscribe ourselves your obedient
Servants &c

Joel Adams.
Josiah Fletcher. } Committee.
Noah Spalding.

Warrant for a Meeting of First Con. Society

Middlesex ss

To Capt. James Pitts one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are required hereby to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Chelmsford, qualified to vote in town affairs members of the first Congregational Society in said town to assemble at the Meeting house in the centre of said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of April inst at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following

To choose a Moderator —

At the request of Owen Emerson Jr and others "to see if the said Society will consent that the First Universalist Society in Chelmsford may occupy their Meeting house a portion of the time on the Sabbath for public worship or act thereon —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the following places viz - One at each of the public Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Wm Jr & T. J. Adams all in said Town that the same may stand two sabbaths previous to the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty —

Otis Adams.)
Chas. H. Barbour.) Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 17. 1830.

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Chelmsford "Members of the first Congregational Society in said Chelmsford" as within directed by posting attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting houses and at the Tavern of Wm Jr. & T. J. Adams all in Chelmsford as aforesaid.

James Pitts. Constable of Chelmsford.

Meeting of the First Congregational Society —
April 26th 1830

At a legal Meeting of the Members of the First Congregational Society in the Town of Chelmsford, ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of May A. D. 1830 at four of the clock in the afternoon —

Voted For a Moderator and chose Capt. Otis Adams. who read the following Communication from the Revd Mr. Allen. Viz —

" To the first Congregational Society in Chelmsford
" Whereas by the terms of my contract in 1803. it
" was stipulated that I should have liberty of absence
" two Sabaths in each year; and Whereas I have never
" availed myself of this privilege, I would now re-
" quest the favor of the Society to allow me to be
" absent six Sabaths the ensuing year at regular
" intervals; viz on the fourth Sabath in every other
" month, beginning in May next, it being understood
" that this arrangment shall in no way affect my sal-
" ery — I am with much respect your devoted
" friend and servant. W. Allen"
" Chelmsford April 26th 1830"

Whereupon the Society Voted — That, in as much as by the terms of the Contract made with the Rev. Mr. Allen for his settlement, as the Pastor of this Society, it was agreed, that he might be absent two Sabaths annually for his convenience in visiting his friends &c, and he never having availed himself of this privilege, but having Statedly supplied the pulpit for more than twenty five years, with great fedelity, and in a manner highly satisfactory to this Society — the Society now consent that the Rev. Mr. Allen be allowed six sabbaths in the year ensuing, agreable to his request this day made to the Society, and that he shall not be holden to supply the pulpit on those day, viz:

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on the fourth sabbath in every other month, commencing in May next, it being understood his salleny shall in no wise be affected by this vote -

Voted That the Society consent, that the Rev. Mr Allen may substitute the fourth Sabbath in June for any one of the six, as may best accommodate.

Voted That the Society consent that the first Universalist Society in Chelmsford may occupy their Meeting for religious worship, on the Lord's Day, during the absence of the Rev'd Mr. Allen -

Voted To dismiss the Meeting -

Attest Jacl Adams Town Clerk

Warrant for May-Meeting. 1830.

(Seal) (Seal) (Seal)

Middlesex ss. To Capt. James Pitts one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Election to assemble at the Meeting house in the centre of said Town on Thursday the sixth day of May next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz ———

1st. To determine the number of Representatives said Town will chose the present year. — —

2d. To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next. —

Also to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the above named time and place to act on the following articles viz. —

1st. To choose a Moderator ———

2d. To hear the report of the committee chosen at a former town meeting respecting the new high way leading from Sawpit Hill to Ezekiel Byams Store &c and act thereon. —

3rd. At the request of Robert Richardson and others to see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen beginning at a point near Robert Richardson's house and ending at a point near the house of Alpheus Spalding in said Chelmsford and act thereon. ———

4th. To see if the Town will be at the expense of righting the gravestones in the centre burying ground and make such other repairs as they shall deem necessary. —

5th. To see if the town will widen and repair the road leading from Dea. John Farwells until it intersects the new road from Groton to William Adams Esq. — —

Warrant for May-Meeting — 1830. Con.d

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at each of the publick Meeting-houses and one at the Tavern of Wm. & T. J. Adams all in Chelmsford aforesaid ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves on the day and place of Meeting aforesaid. ——

Given under our hands and seals this Nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty. —

Otis Adams. }
John T. Farwell. } Selectmen of
C.H. Barbour. } Chelmsford.

Middlesex Ss. Town of Chelmsford April 24th 1830.

Pursuant to directions in this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford by posting four attested Copies thereof viz: one at each of the Publick Meeting Houses and one at the Tavern of Wm & T.J. Adams all in said Chelmsford ten days at least before the time appointed for hold said Meeting. —

James Pitts } Constable of
Chelmsford.

Town-Meeting - May 5th. A.D. 1830

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, and also in Town-affairs, held at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Thursday the sixth day of May, A.D. 1830 at two of the clock in the afternoon - proceeded as follows, to wit.

Voted To choose one Representative to the next General Court.

Voted For one Representative to the next General Court, and the votes were for Jack Adams, twenty one - & Capt. Alpheus Spalding twenty

Voted For a Moderator of the Meeting, and chose Capt. Otis Adams.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee chosen at a former Town Meeting, respecting the Highway from Sawpit Hill to Ezekiel Byam's Store - and that the same be recorded

Voted To dismiss the third Article in the Warrant.

Voted To choose a Committee to repair the Center-Burying Ground, and erect the grave Stones therein -

Voted For said Committee and chose Jack Adams, Capt. Josiah Fletcher and Samuel Davis, Esqr.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting -

Attest. Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Report of the Committee altering the Highway-Districts - to wit -

"The subscribers a Committee to whom was refered the ninth article in the Warrant for March Meeting viz. To see to which of the highway districts the road leading from Joel Adams to Ezekiel Byams Store shall be annexed and to make any alteration in the limits of the highway districts contiguous to, or intersecting said Road have attended to that duty and respectfully submit the following report. We have taken Joel Adams Esqr and Mr James Robbins from district No. 6. and annexed them to district No. 4. we have taken Mr William Byam & Mr. Henry Byam & Miss Betsey Foster from district No. 5. and annexed them to No. 4. and have annexed the road from Mr. James Robbins house to the division line between district No 4. and No 6. on the road leading to Ezekiel Byams store. We have annexed the road leading ~~from~~ Henry Byams Barn to Betsey Fosters House together with the new road from Joel Adams to Mr. Ezekiel Byams Store to district No. 4. —

Amos Whitney
Benj. Chamberlain } Committee
Alphous Spalding

A true Copy recorded by
Joel Adams Town Clerk
of Chelmsford.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 21. 1830.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the twenty first day of June instant at five o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following viz

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to authorize the Commissioners of highways for the County of Middlesex to lay out a new highway from near the Machine Shop in Lowell [illegible] to the Road leading from the Head of Middlesex Village to the Stone Bridge near

3d At the request of [illegible] to see if the Town will choose a Committee to examine the Road leading from the Town House [illegible] to see if the Town will direct

Lastly You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the following places viz - at the Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Wm & T. P. Adams all in Chelmsford ten days at least before the time for holding said Meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time & place of Meeting as aforesaid — Given under our hands and seals this fifth day of June A.D. 1830.

Otis Adams
Thomas Farrell
E. H. Barbour

Selectmen.

Middlesex ss. June 21. 1830.

Then & there in obedience to the within Warrant I have posted up attested ten copies thereof as within required & for purpose therein specified ten days before the time appointed for holding the Meeting

Amos Fitts Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Rel. Adams Town Clerk.

Town Meeting. June 21– 1830

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in Town-affairs, held at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the twenty first day of June A. D. 1830, at five of the Clock in the afternoon, they proceeded as follows, viz.

Voted — For a Moderator of the Meeting and chose Capt. Otis Adams –

Voted — To choose a Committee to oppose the Petition of Artimas Young and others, praying the County Commissioners to lay out and establish a new Highway from Amos Whitney to Lowell – and that said Com– be instructed by one

Voted — For said Committee and chose Jack Adams –

Voted — To dismiss the third article in the Warrant

Voted — To dismiss the Meeting –

Attest Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, Nov. 1. 1830

Seal.
Seal.
Seal.

Middlesex ss. To Levi Fitts one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and Warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to Vote for town-officers and in Town affairs to assemble at the usual Meeting House in said town on Monday the first day of November next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz -

1. To Choose a Moderator.
2. To fill the Vacancy in the Board of Selectmen occasioned by the removal of Mr. John T. Farwell -
3. At the request of Mr. Benjamin Fiske and others to see if the Town will cause the several School Districts in said town to be established, and the divisions lines to be made known by meets and bounds: and act thereon
4th To take into consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Acton to the Commissioners of Highways for the County of Middlesex, for a new Highway, Straightening the road from Ezekiel Byam's Store in Chelmsford to Acton Common. And you are also required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the said town of Chelmsford aforesaid qualified by law to Vote in State Elections to assemble at the above named time and place for the purpose of giving in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the District of Middlesex.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an Attested copy thereof at each of the following places, viz: at each of the Publick Meeting houses, and one at the tavern of William and T. J. Adams, all in Chelmsford ten days at least previous to the time of holding said Meeting -

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 1. 1830

voters at or before the time of Holding as aforesaid given under our hands and seals this twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Otis Adams
Charles K. Barber } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Jas. C. Adams. Town Clerk

Service of said Warrant -

Middlesex ss. Nov 1. 1830 - In obedience to this Warrant I have notified and Warned the Inhabitants of Chelmsford as therein required by posting Copies thereof at the public places described within said Chelmsford ten days before this first day of November 1830

James Pitt. Constable of Chelmsford

Attest. Jas C Adams. Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. November 1. 1830. Then Jack B. Wright of the town of Chelmsford personally appeared and took the oath by law required to qualify him in the office of Selectman in said Town.

Before me Jack Adams. Town Clerk.

Choice of Representative to Congress, 1830 —

Nov. 1 —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the first day of November being the first Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex District —

The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Hon. Edward Everett, forty two votes 42

Otis Adams
Charles H. Barker
Joel B. Wright
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Town Meeting. November. 1- 1830

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Richmond qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs and in Town affairs, held at the Meeting House in the middle of said Town on Monday the first day of November. A.D. 1830, at one of the Clock in the afternoon the Town proceeded as follows, to wit:

Voted For a Moderator and made choice of Capt. Otis Adams.

Voted To fill the vacancy in the Board of Selectmen, occasioned by the removal of Mr. John T. Farwell from this Town

Voted For a Selectman to fill said vacancy and Capt. Zacheus Wright; Capt. Solomon Hearn; Mr. Timothy Manning 2nd and Mr. Otis Howard were severally duly chosen, and they all declined the acceptance & each of them

Voted again for a Selectman to fill said vacancy and Mr. Jack B. Wright was chosen and Sworn in Open Town Meeting.

Voted To establish the Limits of the several School-Districts in this Town; and the Selectmen be a Committee to attend to this business, and make report at the next Town Meeting.

Voted To choose a Committee to wait upon the County Commissioners, and chose Capt. Amos Whitney; James Pitts. and Capt. Zacheus Wright

Voted To dismiss the Meeting.

Attest. Josh Adams. Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1831.

(Seal) Middlesex ss. To Sr. C. James Esq one of the Constables of
(Seal) the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting.
(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you
are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of
Chelmsford qualified by law to vote for Town officers and in
Town affairs, to assemble at the center Meeting house in said
Town on Monday the seventh day of March next at nine
O. clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the fol-
lowing Articles, viz —

1 To choose a Moderator to preside at the Meeting —
2 To make choice of the necessary Town officers for the year en-
suing
3 To grant Money for the support of Schools, the Poor, Roads
and all other Town charges
4 To direct in what way and manner the Schools shall
be kept in said Town the ensuing year.
5 To direct in what way and manner the Roads & Bridges
shall be repaired in said Town the ensuing year.
6 To see if the Town will restrain horses, neat cattle and
swine from going at large the ensuing year
7 To choose Overseers of the work house for the ensuing year
8 To hear the report of the Committee chosen to make
the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer, and
act thereon.
9 To hear the Report of the Committee chosen at a former
town-meeting to establish the bounds of the several
School Districts in said Town and act thereon
10 At the request of David Perham and others, to see if
the Town will raise money to be expended for the pur-
pose of breaking out the roads in the Westerly, when
rendered impassable by reason of Snow, or act thereon
11 At the request of Oliver Hutchens to see if the Town will ac-
cept of a Straightening in the road near his house formerly
laid by the Selectmen leading from the Baptist Meet-
ing House to Concord, or act thereon —

Warrent for March Meeting 1831. Con.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the publick Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of William K. and J. J. Adams all in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand above six days before the time of holding the aforesaid Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Otis Adams.
Charles H Barrow.
Joel B. Wright.
} Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Feby 25th 1831.

I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford as by within is directed to assemble at the time and place and for purposes therein expressed by posting up one attested copy thereof on each of the publick Meeting Houses and one at the Tavern of Wm K. & J. J. Adams all in said Chelmsford at least two days before the time of holding the Meeting.

James Otis
Constable of Chelmsford.

March Meeting. A. D. 1831

Town of Chelmsford Monday March [illegible] 1831.

At a legal Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to vote for Town-Officers, and in Town affairs, held at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said Town, Monday the Fourth day of March A. D. 1831. at nine of the clock in the forenoon, being the annual Town-Meeting, they proceeded and voted as follows, to wit.

Voted For a Moderator and chose Nathaniel Howard, Esq. after which prayers were offered by Rev. Dr. Packard.

Voted For a Town-Clerk and chose Josiah Adams. who was duly Sworn in open Town-Meeting by the Moderator.

Voted To choose three Selectmen.

Voted For the first Selectman and chose Capt. Josiah Adams,

Voted For the second Selectman and chose Mr. Samuel Barbank.

Voted For the third Selectman and chose Sam.l D. Davis Esq.r

Voted For a Town-Treasurer and chose Mr. Benjamin Chamberlin.

Voted To choose two Constables.

Voted For a Constable and chose Josiah Heywood, who was duly Sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted For another Constable and chose James Fitts, who was also duly Sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted To adjourn the Meeting for half an hour. after which met according to adjournment, and

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor, to be Voted for on one ballot.

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor and chose Samuel Davis Esq.r, Daniel Parker and George Richardson.

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Work-House

Voted and chose Samuel Davis Esq. Daniel Parker & George Richardson — Overseers of the Work-House

Voted To choose four Fish-Wardens.

Voted and chose John Vinent, Rob.t Richardson Prescott Kimball and Cyrus Howard. F. Wards

March-Meeting A.D. 1831, continued

Voted To choose a School-Committee, consisting of three person, and to be voted for on one ballat.

Voted For said School-Committee, and chose Revd Mr. Allen, Revd Dr. Packard and Revd Mr. Parkhurst.

Voted To choose a Prudential School-Committee, consisting of one Member in each School-District, in all nine -

Voted For said Committee and chose in School-District

No. 1 - Capt. Josiah Fletcher Junr
" 3 - George Wilson
" 4 - Oliver Hutchins
" 5 - Ephraim Warren.
" 6 - Artemas Parker.
" 7 - Jonathan Pierce.
" 8 - Capt. Alpheus Spalding.
" 9 - Prescott Kimball.
and " 10 Edmund Swett.

Voted To choose one Surveyor of Highways in each High-Way-District -

Voted For Surveyors of Highways and chose Lieut. David Perham, Robert Richardson, James Pitts, Varnum Spalding, Amos Byam, Robert Spalding Isaac Chamberlin, Parker Chamberlin, Benj: Chamberlin, and Thomas Marshall.

Voted To choose three Fence-Viewers, and chose Thomas J. Adams, Charles Richardson and John Farrar -

Voted To choose three Field-Drivers, and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Jonas Pierce Jr. and Charles Richardson.

Voted To choose nine Surveyors of Lumber, and chose Azariah Proctor Jr. Allen Robbinson, Daniel Proctor, Henry Byam, Benjamin J. Dean, Sprake Livingston, Samuel F. Woods, Amos Whitney Jr and Alpheus Spalding -

Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School District and chose in District No 1. Joseph Read.
" 3. Joseph Richardson.
" 4 Daniel Proctor -

March Meeting. 1831- continued

in District No- 5- Lieut- Silvesia Spalding-
" 6 John Parker-
" 7 Lt- Thomas Marshall
" 8 Dan. Isaiah Spalding.
" 9 Thomas J. Adams
" 10 Joel Rosier-

Voted To choose one more Measurer of Wood in District No 10- and chose Samuel P. Hadley.

Voted To choose three Hog- Reeves and chose Mr- Andrew Spalding, Samuel Davis Esqr. and Stephen Pierce-

Voted To choose four Weighers of Hay and chose Thomas J. Adams, Willard Read, Allen Robbinson and Majr. Joseph Manning-

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime and chose Artemas Parker and Samuel Davis, Esqr.

Voted To choose two Cullers of Staves, and chose Amos Whitney and Ebenezer Spalding

Voted and chose Stephen Pierce Pound-Keeper.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee, who made the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorised to hire not exceeding Six hundred Dollars, at a rate not exceeding five per cent, to enable the Overseers of the Poor to pay the Balance due for the Poor Farm-

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary expenses of the Town.

Voted and granted the sum of four hundred dollars for the support of the Poor.

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred dollars for the support of the Town-Schools-

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred dollars for the repairs of the Roads and Bridges-

Voted To excuse Mr. Robert Spalding from serving as a Surveyor of Highways, and chose Samuel F- Woods in his Stead

March Meeting, 1831. continued

Voted That the Town-Schools be kept in the same way and manner they were the last year, and that the School Money be apportioned in like manner—

Voted That the roads and bridges be repaired in the same way and manner they were the last year.

Voted To restrain horses from going at large in said Town the ensuing year.

Voted To restrain Swine in the same manner.

Voted To refer the ninth, tenth and eleventh articles of the Warrant to April Meeting.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting.

Recorded by Wm Adams, Town-Clerk.

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer, 1831.
made March 7th A.D. 1831.

The Subscribers a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer have attended to that duty and submit the following Report. viz.

Town and School Money.

The Treasurer charges himself with Cash received of Josiah Heywood collector for 1829 $ 527.19

To Cash received of the Committee Treasurer for an allowance for building the Groton road — } 293,60

To Cash received of Joseph Heywood collector for 1830. . . . . $ 1646.42

Amounting to the sum of $2667,21

And is credited by Cash due him on the last annual Settlement $ 100,61

By Cash paid on Sundry orders granted by the Selectmen . . $ 2421,02

Amounting to the sum of . . . . . $ 2521,63

Leaving a Balance in the Treasury of . . $ 145,58

Joel Adams.
Amos Whitney. } Committee.
Wm. Adams.

Benja. Chamberlain Treasr.

A true Record.
Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Town-Officers for the year. 1831

Town of Chelmsford, Monday, March 7th. A.D. 1831—

The following named persons were on the aboveseid day in legal Town-Meeting chosen into the several Offices, sit against their respective names, and have appeared before me the Subscriber, Town-Clerk of said town, and taken the oath required by law to qualify them for the office, into which they are respectively chosen, as follows, to wit:

		Time of taking the oath—
Otis Adams Samuel Burbank Samuel Davis	Selectmen	March. 21. 1831
Otis Adams Samuel Burbank Samuel Davis	Assessors	March 21. 1831
Joseph Heywood James Pitts	Constables.	March 7. "
Isaac Chamberlin	Surveyors of Highways	March 7 "
James Pitts		March 4 "
Isaac Wilkinson		April 4 "
Amos Byam		May 20. "
Charles Richardson	Fence Viewers.	April 25. "
	Field Drivers	

Town-Officers for 1811. cont'd.

Benjamin F. Dean	Surveyors of Lumber	May 9th
Daniel Proctor	Measurers of Wood	March 21-
Shubiah Spaulding		March 21-
Robert Richardson	Fish Wardens.	April 4
Prescott Kimball		April 4

Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting 1851 —

Middlesex ss. To Capt. James Pitts one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote in State Elections to assemble at the Meeting house in the centre of said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, being the first Monday of said Month, to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth, and for three Senators for the district of Middlesex for the year ensuing — And you are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote for Town-officers, and in Town-affairs to assemble at the same time and place for the purpose of acting on the following Articles, viz.

1 To choose a Moderator of the Meeting.

2 To fill all Vacant Town-offices.

3 To give in their Votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing.

4 To see the Collection of Taxes, or agree upon some other mode of collecting them for the year ensuing.

5 To take into consideration the petition of Zadock How and others to the Commissioners of Highways for the County of Middlesex for a Straightening in the Road from Lowell to Billerica, beginning at Shragues Bridge and ending near Lowell line —

6 To see if the Town will vote that the annual May Meeting for the present year shall be appointed on Wednesday the eleventh day of May next instead of the Thursday following the first Monday of said month.

— To take up the ninth Article of the Warrant for March / Meeting, which was deferred till April Meeting, to hear the Report of the Committee to establish Duties & Bounds to the several School-Districts in Town and act thereon.

Warrant for April Meeting, con'd, 1831

8 To take the tenth Article of said Warrant which was deferred in the like manner, at the request of David Pirkam and others, to see if the town will grant Money to be expended for the purpose of breaking open the roads in the Winter, when rendered necessary by reason of Snow, or act thereon

9 Also the eleventh Article of said Warrant, likewise deferred, at the request of Elisha Hutchins to see if the Town will accept of a Straightening as formerly, laid out by the Selectmen near his house on the road, leading from the Baptist Meeting house in Chelmsford to Concord, and act thereon.

10 To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex

11 To choose a committee to make the next annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the following places, viz. one at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town and one at the Tavern of William Fox & J. J. Adams, so that the same may stand two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding said Meeting - Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen at or before the Meeting aforesaid - Given under our hands and Seals, this twenty first of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one - Eli Adams, Samuel Burbank, Samuel Davis, Selectmen of Chelmsford -

Recorded by Jack Adams, Town Clerk -

Return of said Warrant.

Middlesex ss. March 26. 1831. Town of Chelmsford } I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, as required by this Warrant to assemble at time & place & for purposes therein expressed, by posting up attested Copies thereof at the several places therein named, so that the same may stand two Sabbaths before the time appointed for said Meeting -

James Fitch, Constable, Chelmsford

Recorded by Jack Adams, Town Clerk

8

Votes for Governor &c. 1831—

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the fourth day of April being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons,

For Governor—
Levi Lincoln. Seventy nine Votes

Marcus Morton, Sixty one "

For Lieutenant Governor—
Thomas L. Winthrop, Eighty two Votes—

Nathan Willis, Sixty Votes.

Otis Adams
Samuel Barbank
Samuel Davis
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Jos. L. Adams Town Clerk

Votes for Senators &c. 1831

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Senators & Counsellors, holden on the fourth day of April, being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex - The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons.

For Francis Winship - eighty Votes
" Asahel Stearns, Sixty one "
" John Locke, fifty five "
" Nathan Brooks, eighty four "
" Charles Train, one hundred and thirty two Votes
" Elias Phinney, thirty "
" Daniel Richardson, forty nine "
" Samuel Dana, thirty six "
" John Wade, thirty four "
" Paul Willard, thirty two "
" Thomas Whittemore, thirty six "
William C. Jarvis, twenty four "
Nathan Adams, twenty five "
Luke Fiske, twenty five "
William Winn, four "

Otis Adams
Samuel Burbank } Selectmen
Samuel Davis } of the town of
Chelmsford

Annual Town-Meeting April 4th 1831—

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote for Town-Officers, and in Town-affairs held at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said town on Monday the fourth day of April A.D. 1831 at of the Clock in the afternoon—

The Town proceeded and

Voted for a Moderator of the Meeting and Nathaniel Howard Esq. was chosen—

Voted For a County Treasurer for the County of Middlesex, & the Votes were for the Hon. John Keyes fifty three—

Voted For a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex & the Votes were for William F. Stone Esq. fifty four.

Voted That the Collection of the Taxes for the ensuing year be let out to the lowest bidder upon the same terms and conditions they were collected the last year and the same were put up and struck off to Joseph Heywood at two cents on the dollar

Voted by Ballot and chose Joseph Heywood, Collector of Taxes

Voted To refer the fifth Article in the Warrant to a Committee of three—

Voted For said Committee and chose Willard Read. James Pitts, and Samuel Davis Esqrs.

Voted That the Annual Town-Meeting in May next be on the eleventh day of the Month.

Voted To accept the Report of the Selectmen, defining the Limits of the several School-Districts in this Town, by numbering said Districts in their proper order.

Voted To postpone the 6th Article to May Meeting—

Voted To choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer, and chose Joel Adams, Joseph Manning and Samuel Davis Esq

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

School Districts. Limits of.

Greenstore March 7th. 1851. The committee chosen at a former Town Meeting to establish the School Districts by meets and bounds in said Town have attended to that duty and would respectfully submit the following report.

District No. 1. Beginning at the South West corner at the corner line fence of Mr. Simeon Byam and running East to the Southeast corner of Mr. Joseph [illegible] Barn and continuing in an Easterly direction to a White oak tree marked in River Farmers field near the house of [illegible] Porter thence Northerly to a stake and stones at a corner of Capt. John Butterfields field where the road leading from Mr. Noah Hastings to Joseph Pierces intersects the road leading from Mr. Joseph Hastings to the Glass House thence Westerly to a large white tree marked a few rods north of the house of [illegible] thence Northerly to a small Bridge near the house of [illegible] Pierson thence continuing Northerly to Dirty Bridge thence Easterly to a stake and stones on the East side of the road about twenty rods from Mr. Jesse Richardsons fence Southerly to the road first mentioned

No 2. Beginning at the Southeast corner at a stake and stones at a corner of Capt. John Butterfields field where the road leading from Mr. Noah Hastings to Joseph Pierces intersects the road leading from Mr. Joseph Hastings to the Glass House thence Westerly to a large white tree marked a few rods north of the house of [illegible] thence Northerly to a small Bridge near the house of [illegible] Pierson thence continuing Northerly to Dirty Bridge thence Easterly to a stake and stones on the East side of the road about twenty rods from Mr. Jesse Richardsons fence Southerly to the road first mentioned

No 3. Beginning at the Southeast corner at a white oak tree marked near the road leading from the mouth of Carlisle as proposed to the Carlisle line and running westerly to a [illegible] marked near the house of [illegible]

running Northerly to a Stone Bridge on the Road leading from Chelmsford to Littleton house Daniel [illegible] on the East or South East corner of Meadow thence Westerly to the lower lime kiln of Simeon Byam thence Northwesterly to a stone bound three Chelmsford Westford on the road that leads to the Baptist Meeting-house thence Northerly on Westford line to a stone bound between Chelmsford Westford and Carlisle thence Easterly on Carlisle line including the house & barn of Benjamin Parker to the bound first mentioned

No 4. Beginning at the South West corner at a white pine tree marked near the road leading from Chelmsford to Carlisle and bowed to be on the line between Chelmsford and Carlisle and running North Westerly to a large pine tree marked near the house of Jonathan Crosby thence Northwesterly to the Southeast corner of Joseph Warrens barn thence Northeasterly to a white oak tree marked in Oliver Farmers field near the house of Ephraim Parker; thence easterly to an Elm tree in Mannings Swamp so called being an ancient bound mark between Chelmsford & Billerica; thence Southerly on Billerica line to the corner bound between Chelmsford Billerica and Carlisle thence Westerly on Carlisle line to the bound first mentioned. No. 5. Begining at the Southeast corner at the lower lime kiln of Simeon Byam thence running Southwesterly to a Stone bound between Chelmsford & Westford on the Pond Plain road, west of the Baptist Meeting house thence Northerly on Westford line to the barn of William Heldreth thence easterly to the most Westerly Stone Bridge on the Pine Hill road by land of the late Jonathan Perham Esq.; thence Southerly to the bound first mentioned.

No. 6. Begining at the Southeast corner at a large Elm tree in what is call'd Mannings Swamps, being an ancient bound mark between Chelmsford and Billerica and running Northerly on Billerica line to Concord river. Thence Northerly on -

Concord River to the Corner bound between Chelmsford and Lowell—thence westerly on Lowell line to the two mile Bridge so called thence Southeasterly to a stake and stones at a corner of Capt John Butterfield's field where the road leading from Dea. Noah Spaldings to Joseph Pierces' intersects the road leading from Maj. Joseph Manning's to the Gut's house thence Southeasterly to a white oak tree marked in Oliver Farmer's Field near the house of Ephriam Parker thence Easterly to the bound first mentioned. No. 7. Begining at the South west corner at the Barn of William Hildreth and running Northerly on Westford line to a stone set in the ground on the South side of the road leading from William Adams to Groton thence Easterly to Turn's Bridge—thence Southerly to small Bridge east of the house of Josiah Richardson, thence Southerly to the guide post near the house of Ebenezer Spalding; thence Westerly to the most westerly Stone Bridge on the pine hill road near land of the late John^n Perham Esq.—thence westerly to the bound first mentioned. No 8. Begining at the South west corner at a stone set in the ground on the South side of the new road leading from William Adams to Groton and running easterly to a stone bound on the east side of the Turnpike road between land of Alleyne Downs & Francis Richardson, thence northerly to a Black oak tree marked at Merrimack River at the North west corner of the Ring Lot; thence Northwesterly on said River to Tyngsboro' line, thence Southwesterly on Tyngsboro' line to the corner bound between Chelmsford, Tyngsboro' and Westford, thence Southerly on Westford line to the bound first mentioned.

For the rest of this Report see page 122.

Warrant for May Meting - 1831.

(Seal) Middlesex ss: To Capt. James Mills one of the Constables
(Seal) of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting.
(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabi-
tants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote in
Elections to assemble at the Centre Meeting House in said
Town on Wednesday the eleventh day of May next at
one o'clock in the afternoon — ——— ———

1st. To determine the number of Representatives said
Town will choose the ensuing year —

2nd To choose one or more suitable persons to represent them
in the next General Court to be held at Boston on the
last Wednesday of May next —

3rd To take into consideration the amendment of the
Constitution of this Commonwealth, proposed by the
last General Court and act thereon —

Also you are required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of said Town qualified as law to vote
for town officers and in Town affairs to assemble at
the aforenamed place at two o'clock in the afternoon
of the same day then and there to act on the follow-
ing Articles viz -

1st. To choose a Moderator —

2nd. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors
proposed by the Selectmen or act thereon —

3rd. At the request of David Parham and others to see
if the town will raise money to expend in breaking
open the roads in the winter when rendered neces-
sary by reason of snow or act thereon —

4th. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to super-
intend letting out and making the road lying in
Chelmsford leading from the Store occupied by Mr
Johnson to Acton laid out by the County Commis-
sioners or act thereon.

5th. To see if the Town will give any particular instr-
uctions to the Assessors respecting the taking the

Warrant for May Meeting 1831. Cont.d 4

Valuation of Real Estate required by the last General Court of this Commonwealth

6th. At the request of Mr. Jonas R. Proctor to see if the Town will grant permission for him to fill up in front of his Shop provided he does not incommode the Road.

7th. At the request of Mrs. Dorcas Weld to see if the Town will allow her any thing for damages occasioned by the road leading from Chelmsford Meeting House to Mr. Johnson's [illegible] being made through her land and near thereon

8th. At the request of Gideon Whittemore to see if the Town will chose a Committee to agree with him and establish bounds on Drum Hill Road or act thereon —

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attesting Copy thereof at each of the following places viz. one at each of the public meeting houses and one at the Tavern [illegible] and [illegible] that the same may stand at least two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the aforesaid Meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto ourselves at or before the time appointed for said Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one [illegible]

Otis Adams. } Selectmen
Samel Burbank. } of
Samel Davis. } Chelmsford

Town of Chelmsford. Middlesex ss. April 30th 1831. Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Chelmsford to meet at the time, place and for purposes therein expressed by posting an attested Copies of the same as therein required so that the same may stand "two Sabbaths at least" on the [illegible] for said meeting — James Pitts.

Constable of Chelmsford

Annual Town Meeting May 11th, 1831

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Billerica qualified to Vote, for Representatives to the General Court, and also in Town affairs, held at the Meeting House in the Middle of said Town on Wednesday the eleventh day of May, 1831. at one of the Clock in the afternoon, the Town proceeded and

Voted To elect one Representative to the next General Court

Voted For a Representative and the Votes were for

Jael Adams	44
Samuel Davis	40
Isaiah Spalding	12
Benjamin Chamberlin	9
James Pitts	1

Voted again and the Votes were for

Jael Adams	44
Samuel Davis	44
Isaiah Spalding	9
Benjamin Chamberlin	7
Samuel T. Woods	1

Voted again and the Votes were

for Samuel Davis	44
Jael Adams	35
Benjamin Chamberlin	15
Isaiah Spalding	7
Samuel T. Woods	3

Voted again and the Votes were for

Samuel Davis	46
Jael Adams	34
Benjamin Chamberlin	9
Isaiah Spalding	3
Nathaniel Howard	2
Samuel T. Woods	1

Voted To reconsider the above Vote, and not send a Representative to the next Gen.l Court —

May-Town Meeting 1831 con'd.

Voted On the proposed Amendment of the Constitution and the Yeas were Thirty seven 37
" Nays, twenty seven 27

Voted For a Moderator of the Meeting to transact the town business and Nathaniel Howard Esq was chosen.

Voted To accept of the List of Jurors as the same was made and reported to the town at this Meeting by the Selectmen -

Voted That the Surveyors of Highways be authorised and directed to make the highways passable in the winter by removing the snow and ice thereon, and that the expens thereof be allowed and paid out of the town treasury the ensuing year, and that the same wages be allowed for labour as are allowed in the summer.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to superintend the selectmen and advise the next town meeting about getting Johnson's Road to Westford done -

Voted For said Committee and chose Capt. James Wright, Capt. James Wells and Jacob Fessenden

Voted That the Selectmen examine each persons estate in making the State Valuation.

Voted To refer the sixth article in the Warrant to a Committee of three - and Benjamin Hunt Esqr, Capt. Wells, Moses and Ephraim Farmer were appointed said Committee.

Voted That the seventh article in the Warrant be referred to the Selectmen and that they be authorised to dispose of the Poor as set forth in section.

Voted That the eighth article in the Warrant be referred to the Selectmen and that they make Report to the Town.

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Attest Jacob Holmes Town Clerk

Jurors —

The following is a list of Jurors made by the Selectmen, whose names are placed on the back side, and recorded before the town for their approbation, rejection, or alteration, viz.

Isaac Chamberlin	Amos Byam
Salomon Adams	Thomas Spalding
William Adams, Jr.	Jacob S. Wright
Lemuel L. Pierce	Asa Robinson, Jun.
Jesse Smith	Ephraim Adams
Amos Whitney	Ephraim Warren
Charles Blood	Joseph Warren, Jun.
Francis Bush	Joseph Putnam
Josiah Bowers	Jonathan H. Read
John S. Sorrey	Ebenezer Goodale
David Emerson	Oliver Parkhurst
John Butterfield	Josiah S. Abbott
Jacob Parkhurst	Benja. Chamberlin
Francis Richardson	Abel Hunt
Thomas Spalding	Oliver Pierce
Josiah Spalding,	Daniel Adams, Jr.
John Farwell	Sprake Livingstone
David Vernon	Joseph Chamberlin,
William Fletcher, Jun.	

Chelmsford
May. 11. 1831 — Otis Adams
Sam.l Bancroft
Sam.l Davis
Selectmen of Chelmsford

At town Meeting May 11. 1831, the above list of Jurors was accepted and approved by the town.

Attest. Josiah Adams Town Clerk

11 —

Report of laying out Drum Hill Road A.D. 1831

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford, having been directed by the Town to lay out anew for the use of the Town, a Town-way as follows; beginning at the Middlesex Turnpike at a stake and stones on land of Charles Barbour and running a Southeasterly course through said Barbour's land, to a black oak tree, marked with stones about it on land of Richard Faulkner; thence Southeasterly on said Faulkner's land to a Rock on the top of Drum Hill, on said Faulkner's land; thence bearing more Southerly, on said Faulkner's land to a stake and stones a few feet east of a white oak tree which is marked on said Faulkner's land; thence continuing a Southerly course on land of Gideon Whittemore, to a small maple tree marked on said Whittemores land; thence Southerly on said Whittemores land, to a stone set in the ground in the edge of the meadow or swamp; thence southerly on said Whittemore's land to a white oak tree marked on the edge of the upland; thence running Southerly on land of Francis Richardson, to the end of the wall on land of the heirs of the late Henry Spaulding 3d; thence continuing nearly the same course on the wall as it now stands on land of said heirs to the road leading from Widow Jemima Spaulding's to the head of Middlesex Canal; the aforesaid road to be three rods wide, and to lie on the Westerly side of said course; and as the aforesaid Road, has been formerly laid out, but not to be found on the Town Records. We presumed that the owners of the land had been remunerated for damages We have therefore awarded nothing to the owners of the land, over which the said Road passes, as we made but slight alterations from the now travelled way. which said Road is reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Chelmsford this fourteenth day of June A.D. 1831

Otis Adams
Saml Burbank
Saml Davis
} Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Chelmsford and Lowell, Towns of -

Be it remembered that on this second day of July A.D. 1831 we the subscribers selectmen of the towns of Chelmsford and Lowell by the direction of the Aldermen of Chelmsford being duly sworn were directed to view the lines and establish the bounds between the said towns pursuant to the provisions of a law of this Commonwealth passed March 2 3rd A.D. 1831 and the bounds between said towns by us made are as follows viz;

Beginning at Merrimack River at a stone set in the ground on the south bank of the River two hundred rods above the Pentucket Canal and running a Southerly course to a stone set in the ground on the East Bank of the Middlesex Canal ten rods North of the Bridge over said Canal near the house of Henry Coburn;

Thence Southeasterly on said Canal twenty rods to another stone set in the ground on the same bank.

3rd Thence running a due east course to a stone set in the ground on the West Bank of Concord River and ending at said River. - -;

Joshua Swan } Selectmen
James Tyler } of Lowell.

Elis Adams } Selectmen
Saml. Barbank } of Chelmsford.

Received by Josiah Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for town Meeting August 29th 1831.

Middlesex ss. To Mr. Joseph Heywood one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting

Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Seal) you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabi-
Seal) -tants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Centre Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the twenty-ninth day of August instant at three o'clock in the Afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz:

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting

2nd. To take into consideration the Petition of Thomas Green and others to the Commissioners of highways for the County of Middlesex for a new highway or straightening from the House of Josiah Fox and Benjamin Parker in Chelmsford to the house of Josiah Warren and ——— thereon;

3rd. To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last Town Meeting to view out the Road from the Widow Jemima Fletcher's over Brown Hill, and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the Tavern of Wm. H. & Tho. F. Adams in said Town so that the same may be seven days previous to the time of holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding the Meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and Seals this seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Thos Adams. }
Saml Barsank. } Selectmen
Saml Davis. } of Chelmsford.

Received by Josiah Fox Constable

Service of the foregoing Warrant.

Middlesex, ss. August 26th 1831.

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the six Public Meeting Houses in said Town and one at the Tavern of Wilcox Jr. and Tho. J. Adams in said town so that they might stand two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding this Election

Joseph Heywood.
Const. of Chelmsford.

Attest — Joel Adams. Town Clerk —

Town Meeting — August 29th A.D. 1831 —

At a legal town Meeting of the Voters and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Centre Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1831. at three of the Clock in the afternoon. the town proceeded and

Voted — For a Moderator and chose Capt. Wm. Adams.

Voted — To choose a Committee of three, to attend the County Commissioners, when viewing the road from Ephraim Warrens to Jon.a Fletcher as prayed for in the petition of Thomas Green & others.

Voted — For said Committee and chose Jacob Adams, Samuel Dean, and Capt. Wm. Adams.

Voted — and instructed said Committee to oppose the grant of a new road, and that said Committee use their discretion as to any alterations or amendments of the old road.

Voted — To accept the Report of the Selectmen, laying out a new the Road over Drum Hill, to Cutlers

Voted — To dismiss the Meeting

Attest — Wm. Adams, Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting. Nov. 14. 1811

Warrant.

Seal. Middlesex ss. To Mr. Joseph Heywood one of the Constables
Seal. of the Town of Charlestown in said County,
Seal. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote in election of State Officers to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fourteenth day of November next at one of the clock
1st. in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth and for five Senators for the District of Middlesex to the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.
2nd. To agree upon the number of Representatives said Town will choose to said Court the year ensuing.
3rd. To give in their votes for one or more Citizens, Persons to be sent the Town at said Court the year ensuing.
You are also required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on said day at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz:
1st. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.
2nd. To see if the Town will vote that each School District shall choose their own School Committee at their District meetings in the month of March instead of choosing them at the annual March Meeting and also to see if the Town will vote to accept a strip of land lying on the road leading from Mr. Rev. Pickens to Cambridge lying on the northerly side of Mr. Stephen Frost's land so called and on the Southerly side of Mr. Frost's land, Jonathan Frost's formerly lived on, for the selectmen to work thereon.
4th. To see if the Town will vote to have a Committee to inspect the highways for ways in future to be laid out.

Warrant &c. Contd.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at the following places viz. one at each of the [illegible] Meeting House [illegible] the Tavern of Wm. A. and Mrs. J. Adams in said Chelmsford so the same [illegible] at least [illegible] holding said Meeting.

[illegible] with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding the aforesaid Meeting.

Given [illegible] of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Otis Adams. } Selectmen
Sam Burbank. } of
[illegible] } Chelmsford.

Service of said Warrant.

[illegible] 1831.

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each and all of the places within mentioned [illegible] at least two days before the time of holding the aforesaid Meeting.

[illegible] Constable
of Chelmsford.

Recorded by [illegible]

Votes for Governor &c. Nov^r 14th 1831.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chesterfield in the County of Hampshire in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor holden on the fourteenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor & were duly warned. The whole number of votes given in were counted recorded and declaration there of made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

For Governor —
Levi Lincoln eighty four votes
Marcus Morton ninety ..

For Lieutenant Governor —
Thomas L Winthrop eighty three votes
John Mills Ninety votes.

Otis Adams. } Selectmen
Sam Burbank. } of
Sam^l Davis. } Chesterfield.

Attest Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Senators &c Nov^r 14^th 1831.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors holden on the fourteenth day of November, being the second Monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Middlesex. The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed; — and were found to be as follows

For Thomas Williams ninety votes.
.. Josiah S. Hurd - eighty nine ..
.. William Winn - eighty nine ..
.. Augustus C. Parker - eighty nine ..
.. Edmund Bond 2^d - eighty nine ..
.. Daniel Richardson sixty four ..
.. Francis Winship - sixty seven ..
.. Nathaniel Austin - sixty six ..
.. Samuel Hoar Jun. sixty seven ..
.. Elihu Adler sixty five ..
.. Asahel Stearns three votes.

Otis Adams. } Selectmen
Sam^l Burbank. } of
Sam^l Davis. } Chelmsford.

Attest Otis Adams Town Clerk

Recorded by Otis Adams. Town Clerk,

Annual Town-Meeting. Nov.r 14th. 1831

At a legal town Meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelms-ford, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, and also in town affairs, held at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said Town, on Monday the fourteenth day of November. A.D. 1831. at one of the Clock in the afternoon, the town proceeded as followeth, to wit:

Voted To elect one Representative to the next Gen.l Court.

Voted By written Votes for a Representative to the next Gen.l Court and the Votes were

For Charles Bent.	Eighty three	83
" Samuel Davis	Sixty four	64
" Alpheus Spalding	four	4
" Benj: Chamberlin	one	1
" Sam.l F. Wood	one	1

and Charles Bent was duly elected -

Voted For a Moderator of the Meeting to transact the town busines, and chose Capt. Otis Adams -

Voted, That the several School-Districts may hereafter choose their respective prudential School-Committees in their respective Districts in such manner as said Districts may determine -

Voted To accept the Report of the Selectmen, making an alteration in the Highway near Oliver Hutchins, in the South part of the town, provided said Hutchins make the road and move the wall on Rev. Mr. Perkins land, for fifteen dollars -

Voted To dismiss the 4th Article in the Warrant

Voted To dismiss the Meeting -

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Alteration of Town-way. —

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford have laid out for the use of the said Town an Alteration in the Town-way as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the easterly side of the road leading from Rev. John Pecken's in Chelmsford & Concord at land of said Peckins running southerly, shaving a corner of said Peckins land eleven rods to land of Oliver Hutchens, then Southerly through land of said Hutchens & land of Ruth Pelsue sixteen and an half rods then continuing the same course to a stake and stones east of said Hutchens house then taking a more Westerly course to a stake and stones by the road first mentioned at a corner of land of Jephtah Parker shaving land of said Ruth Pelsue nineteen and an half rods. The road aforesaid to be three rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course; and we agreed with the owners of the land as follows: The Rev. John Peckins relinquishes his claims for damages. if the Town or any individual will move or make the walls: Oliver Hutchens released all damages for laying said road through his land: And the said Ruth Pelsue refused to set any price on her land: And we allowed the several owners of the land aforesaid two months to take off the wood and timber standing or growing thereon which said Road is hereby declared to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a publick Town-way. Dated at Chelmsford this twenty-second day of March A. D. 1831.

Otis Adams. } Selectmen
John T. Farwell } of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Jack Adams, Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 5th 1832

Middlesex ss. To either of the constables in the Town of
(Seal) Chelmsford in said County Greeting
(Seal) In the name of the commonwealth of Massachu
Seal) setts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote for Town Officers and in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in the centre of said Town, on Monday the fifth day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To make choice of all nessessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

3d To hear the report of the committee chosen by the Town, to make the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer

4th To grant money for the support of schools, the Poor, Roads and all other Town charges.

5th At the request of Jesse Smith and others, to see if the Town will direct that the highway Tax be paid in Money, the ensuing year, or act thereon.

6th To see in what way and manner, the roads and bridges shall be repaired in said Town, the ensuing year

7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain horses, neat battle and swine, from going at large, within the limits of said Town the year ensuing.

8th To give in their votes votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex

9th To vendue the collection of Taxes for the year ensuing.

10th To hear the report of the committee chosen to examine the schools in said Town, the past year, and act thereon

11th At the request of Jonathan Peirce, to see if the Town will grant money to raise the causeway across Black Brook meadow, on the Road between Mr Timothy manning's and Capt Henry L. Parker's or act thereon

12th At the request of Capt Jonathan My-Read to see if

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the Town will make him any remuneration for the injury he sustained by reason of the road or high way on Drumhill being out of repair and in a dangerous state for travellers

13th At the request of Dea. Owen Emerson to see if the Town will choose a committee or take any other measures to define and fix bounds to the following roads viz: from the guide post near Ebenezer Spaldings to the Widow Richardsons thirdly and from said guide post to Amos Byams land and on the road or path, leading through the woods, between the aforesaid Roads, if there be any such road or path established there

14th At the request of Ephraim Adams and others to see if the Town will reconsider the vote of the Town passed at the last Town meeting in November last, authorizing the several school districts in this town, to choose their respective prudential committees or act thereon.

15th At the request of Solomon Adams and others to see if the Town will furnish a dinner or a Sum of Money equivalent thereto all those who perform active military duty on Muster day.

16th To choose a committee to make the next annual settlement with the Town treasurer

17th To see in what way and manner the schools shall be kept and the money divided between the several school districts in said Town the ensuing year.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the following places viz. one at each of the public meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Wm and J. J. Adams in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand at least Two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two

Otis Adams
Sam^{l} Burbank
Sam^{l} Davis
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Seven of said Warrant.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford March 2^{d} 1832. I have served the within warrant by posting up one attested copy of this Warrant at each of the public meeting houses and one at the tavern of Wm Jr and J. J. Adams, all in said Town so that the same might stand at least two sabbaths before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid

Joseph Hayward } Constable of Chelmsford

March Meeting A. D. 1832.

Town of Chelmsford, Monday March 5th. 1832

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to vote for Town-officers, and in Town-affairs, held at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on Monday the fifth day of March A.D. 1832. at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, being the Annual Town-Meeting, they proceeded and Voted as followeth, to wit.

Voted For a Moderator and chose Capt. James Potts. after which Prayers were offered up by the Revd Mr. Allen.

Voted For Town-Clerk and chose Joel Adams. who was duly Sworn in open Town-Meeting by the Moderator.

Voted To choose three Selectmen.

Voted For the first Selectman and chose Capt. Otis Adams.

Voted For the second Selectman and chose Mr. Samel Barbank.

Voted For the 3d Selectman and chose Samuel Davis, Esqr. who declined serving.

Voted again, chose Capt Jonathan M. Read, 3d Selectman.

Voted For a Town Treasurer, and chose Benj: Chamberlain,

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor on one Ticket.

Voted To choose one Overseer of the Poor at a time -

Voted for the first Overseer of the Poor, and chose Samuel Davis Esqr.

Voted For a 2d Overseer of the Poor and chose Capt. Shearjashub Spalding, who declined serving -

Voted again and chose Mr. Joel Parkhurst and he declined serving.

Voted again for 2d Overseer of the Poor and chose Mr. Francis Richardson, and he accepted &c.

Voted For 3d Overseer of the Poor and chose Mr. Robert Richardson

Voted To adjourn the Meeting half an hour, to meet at this place -

March-Meeting. 1832. continued -

Met according to adjournment

Voted To choose two Constables

Voted For a Constable and chose Mr. Joseph Heywood.

Voted For another Constable and chose Capt. James Pitts. and they both signified their acceptance.

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Workhouse and

Voted and chose Samuel Davis, Esq. Francis Richardson and Robert Richardson -

Voted To choose four Fish-Wardens and chose John Vincent, Prescott Kimball, Robert Richardson. all the above offices were chosen by Ballot.

Voted To take up the tenth Article in the Warrant and to hear the Report of the School-Committee.

Voted to accept the Report of the School-Committe and that the same be recorded -

Voted To pospone the chosing a School-Committee until the other Business of the Meeting is transacted -

Voted To take up the fifth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To refer the fifth Article of the Warrant to a Committee of Seven to report at the adjournment of this Meeting, or at the next Town Meeting -

Voted To said Committee and William Adams, Esq., Benjamin Chamberlin; Capt. Zachius Wright. David Perham, Capt. Alpheus Spalding, Jesse Smith and Samuel Davis Esq., were chosen.

Voted To choose three Fence-Viewers, and chose Francis Richardson, James Robbins Junr and Charles Davis -

Voted To choose three Field-Driviers and chose Charles Richardson, Ephraim Spalding and George Perham -

Voted To choose nine Surveyors of Lumber and chose Allen Robbinson, Henry Byam, John Parker, Benjamin J. Obear, Amos Shed, Sprake Livingston, Samuel P. Hadley, Edmund Swett, and Benjamin Blood -

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Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School-District, and chose in No. 1. Joseph Read
" 2 Joel Parkhurst
" 3 Daniel Proctor
" 4 Sherebiah Spaulding
" 5 Charles Adams
" 6 Thomas Marshall
" 7 Alpheus Spaulding
" 8 Thomas J. Adams
" 9 Joel Roper

Voted To choose two more Measurers of Wood, and chose Eben. Adams, Esq. & Samuel P. Hadley.

Voted To choose six Hog-Reeves, and chose, Benjamin Blood, Jr. Benjamin Adams, John Parker, Varnum Spalding, Amos Byam and William Hersey.

Voted To choose four Weighers of Hay, and chose Thomas J. Adams, Willard Read, Jesse Smith and Joseph Manning.

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime, and chose Artemas Parker and William Parker.

Voted not to choose any Cullers of Staves.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee, who made the annual Settlement with Town-Treasurer.

Voted And granted the sum of Eight hundred dollars, to defray the necessary Expenses of the Town.

Voted And granted the Sum of three hundred dollars for the support of the Poor.

Voted and nine hundred Dollars for the Support of the Schools

Voted To restrain, Horses, Neat-Cattle and other commonable beasts from going at Large in this town without a keeper, the ensuing year.

Voted by ballot for a County Treasurer for the County of Middlesex, and the Votes were for Hon. John Keyes Sixty one.

Voted To postpone the Collection of the Taxes until the adjournment of this Meeting, or to the next Town-Meeting.

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March Meeting A. D. 1832. continued.

Voted To refer the Eleventh Article in the Warrant to a Committee of three, to view and repair the road as they think proper.

Voted For said Committee, and chose David Perham, Otis Adams and Samuel Burbank.

Voted To refer the twelfth Article in the Warrant to a Committee of three, to enquire into the circumstances of the case, with authority to take Counsil, and report at the next Town-Meeting.

Voted and chose William Fletcher Junr.: Ephraim Adams and Samuel Davis, Esqr. said Committee

Voted To refer the thirteenth Article in the Warrant to the Selectmen, to report at the next town Meeting.

Voted To dismiss the fourteenth Article in the Warrant

Voted That the town furnish a Dinner to such of the Soldiers of this town, as shall do military duty at the next Regimental Muster -

Voted To choose a Committee to make the next annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

Voted For said Committee, and chose Jacl Adams, Charles Blood and Ephraim Adams.

Voted That the Town-Schools be kept, and the School-Money apportioned among the several School-Districts, agreable to the vote of the Town on this subject in 1830 -

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Work-House, and

Voted by ballot for said Overseers, and chose Samel Davis, Francis Richardson and Robert Richardson

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to the last Monday in March instant at one of the Clock P. M. at this place -

Chelmsford March 26th. A. D. 1832, being the last Monday in March. In Town Meeting agreable to the adjournment from the first Monday of March instant; James Potts, Moderator, the town proceeded to act upon the unfinished business in the Warrant and voted to proceed and let out the Collection of the Taxes for the present year

Adjournment of March Meting. 1832. continued.

Voted That the collection of the Taxes, be put up on the same terms and conditions they were, in 1830 - and they were accordingly put and Struck off by the Moderator to Samuel Potham at two cents on the dollar. Joseph Heywood allowed to collect them at two cents and eight Mills on the dollar - The Town thereupon

Voted by ballot for a Collection of Taxes, and made choice of Joseph Heywood

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the fifth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To choose three Surveyors of Highways

Voted by ballot for three Surveyors of Highways and chose Otis Adams, Samuel Burbank and Jonathan M. Read.

Voted and granted the sum of Six hundred dollars for the repairs of the Highways.

The Committee to whom was referred the twelfth Article in the Warrant, reported verbally That they had taken the advice of Counsel, and that the Town was not liable for damages -

Voted To choose a Committee to confer with Capt Read on the subject of the twelfth Article in the warrant, and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Samuel Davis and Francis Bush.

The Committee to whom was referred the thirteenth Article in the Warrant, reported in writing, which was read and accepted by the Town.

Voted To choose a School Committee of three and Joel Adams, Otis Adams and Charles Blood were chosen.

Voted To reconsider the Vote restraining Neat Cattle, so far as to allow Milch cows to go at large &c -

The Committee appointed to confer with Capt. Read, reported verbally, that said Read demanded five hundred dollars damages -

Voted To dismiss the 12th Article in the Warrant

Voted To dismiss the Meting.

Attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk.

Report of Committee on the Highways

5th Article in the Warrant for March Meeting 1832 -

The Committee appointed to take into consideration and devise a Method of repairing the Highways and bridges, have attended to that duty and submit the following Report -

They recommend that the money granted for the purpose of repairing the roads and bridges be assessed and collected in the same manner as other monies, which are granted to defray other town expenses - They recommend that two of the present Highway districts be united in one. That District No 1 - and No 5. make one district. that district No 2 and 9. make one district: that district No 3 and 8 make one district: that district No 4 and 6 make one district, that district No 7 and 10 make one district. That the money be apportioned and laid out in each of the Geographical Districts; that it be the duty of the surveyors of highways to appoint an agent in each of the united districts, who shall be under their direction to expend in labor the money on the roads, by employing men in each of their respective districts, when suitable men can there be procured - It shall be duty of said Agents to examine the roads in their respective districts and repair the worst and most dangerous places in them first - They further recommend to the town to grant the sum of Six hundred dollars to be laid out on the roads the ensuing year

Wm Adams
Benj: Chamberlin
Jesse Smith
Samel Davis
Lawl Wright
David Pitkin

Chatham 2nd March 26, 1832

The above Report was accepted by the town and recorded by

Jas Adams, Town Clerk

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Report of the Committee on 13th Article of the Warrant. to wit.

Chelmsford March. 26th. 1832

The Subscribers having been chosen a committee to view the road from the guide post near the house of Ebenezer Spalding towards Westford to the widow Rhoda Richardson's thirds, from thence the road leading Southerly across Pine Hill to the road leading from Eben. Spaldings to David Duttons, and from thence Northeasterly the road leading from David Duttons to the guide post first mentioned, have attended to the duty assigned them and after having thoroughly searched the town records, cannot find any record of the location, or laying out of either of said Pieces of way. excepting from Eben. Spalding, to Rocky gutter. would report that the said pieces of way according to the best information the Committee can obtain, have been used as travelled ways sixty five years & upwards, nearly where they are now travelled — Your committee therefore did not feel themselves at liberty by the instructions given them by the town to establish any bounds. all which is respectfully submitted

Otis Adams
Sam[l] Barbank } Com[tee]

Chelmsford March 26, 1832

The above report was accepted by the town and recorded by

Joel Adams Town Clerk

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Report of School-Committee -

Men and Brethren.

Your Committee have been long apprised of the importance and responsibility of the office to which they were appointed and have been anxious to discharge its duties to the satisfaction of the Town and for the benefit of the schools. They think the spirit of the law respecting schools mild and parental, and the provisions of it wise and sufficient. To give the law its designed and full effect, however, there must be the cooperations of those classes of citizens to whom the law makes its appeal. --- It requires all teachers of our schools "to take diligent care and exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children the principles of piety, justice and a sacred regard to truth and all those virtues," which constitute the stability and ornamentation of society. The same excellent law also makes it the duty of the ministers of the Gospel, selectmen and school Committee to exert their influence and use their best endeavors, that the children and youth of proper ages regularly attend the schools opened and supported for their instruction. And your Committee deem it highly important that those, who sustain and support such offices and others who feel an interest in the subject, should unite their efforts for improving the state of the schools and for giving a higher and better direction to early education in the place. Such efforts indeed must be made in order to execute the benevolent provisions of the law and fulfil the kind intentions the government. Shall we not hope then, that the several classes of citizens to whom the Committee have already referred to whom the law looks for support and patronage, will feel a deeper interest and take a more active part in behalf of the rising generation, and that parents will lend their influence in forwarding so good a cause. In their addresses to the several schools the Committee have endeavored to be plain, familiar and parental —

setting forth the advantages of constant attendance and of good order and stillness in school; inculcating the great laws of truth and integrity; showing the importance of reverencing the name word and worship of God and manifesting respect for the Sabbath and its appropriate duties; and at the same time pointing out the evils of an opposite course. Your Committee have also dwelt on the subjects of filial and domestick relations and duties — on our relation to God and to the dear Saviour who has opened and consecrated a new and living way to the Father. But these counsels and exertions in the present state of our schools and many circumstances must have a very limited effect, without the ready cooperation of other citizens and the active sympathy and faithfulness of Masters. And therefore the Committee with a view to raise the standard of education in the Town [illegible] in some measure adequate to its importance [illegible] object) submit the following measures for consideration, viz ——————

1st Let the masters of our schools be encouraged to hold occasional or stated meetings for mutual advantage and freely communicate to each other their modes of teaching and the methods they severally adopt to produce in their pupils neatness of deportment and [illegible] a more lively interest in their appointed studies.

2. Let there be one in the winter a general meeting of the Committee, Selectmen Masters and others for the purpose of [illegible] the state and progress of the schools & to receive and communicate such counsel and remarks suggested by the occasion.

3. Ensure that all or classes of each school in town be met with their master once a week during the winter season at some convenient central place and undergo a general examination in some principal branches of

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Report of School Committee - con'd

learning taught in the schools, in presence of their parents and others who may be disposed to attend. 4. Let there be a judicious selection of books, that the same may be in use in all the schools. This measure is deem'd important on several accounts. It would enable each master to bring his pupils into classes and produce more useful excitement and emulation. Books by such an arrangement might be procur'd with less trouble and at reduced prices. Each master would be more useful to those under his care and would more exactly ascertain the attention and progress of each scholar. ——

5. Let the Superintending Committee be directed to make a brief annual report of their doings, and suggest concisely any improvements thought important. This practice would enable the people to judge of the manner in which their money has been expended. ——

6. Let no person be engag'd to keep a school until he exhibits a certificate from the examining Committee that he is qualified for the service.

The above measures for raising the standard of education are submitted from a conviction that the some of the schools appear well the schools in general in this Town and in this region, whatever may be their state in other sections of the Commonwealth are not altogether according to the sums expended for their support, nor according to the facilities afforded to early education, nor in accordance with the [illegible] of the age. And now men and brethren "consider of it, take advice and express your minds".

The Superintending Committee having discharged their duty according to their best judgment, wish not to be considered candidates

Report of School Committee ... cont^d

for the same important office the ensuing year. They will be ready to act in concert with such Committee, and afford him all the aid in their power as ministers of the Go., but they think they may be excused from the responsibility of the Superintending Committee. ——

Signed. Hez^k Packard.
Wilkes Allen.
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Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk.

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer 1832.
made March 3. A. D. 1832 —

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the town of Chelmsford to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer, have attended to that duty, and submit the following report —

The Treasurer charges himself with the Balance remaining in the Treasury at the last annual Settlement viz — ℔ 145.58
Cash borrowed on the Town's Note 600 —
Cash received of Jos. Heywood,
Collector for 1830 150. —
and cash received of said Heywood
Collector for 1831. 1991-30
Amounting to the sum of — ℔ 2886.88
and is credited.

By Cash paid Sundry orders drawn by the Selectmen for the Support of Town Schools amounting to 800.00
By paid interest on said Orders 2.89
By paid on Benj: Parker's Note against the Town 600-00
and Cash paid Sundry orders drawn by the Selectmen amounting to 1482,59
℔ 2885.48

leaving a Balance due from the Treasurer of 1.40 1.40
℔ 2886,88

all which is respectfully submitted
by Jack Adams
Joseph Manning } Committee
Sam: Davis

Chelmsford March 3. 1832

Assented to by Benj. Chamberlain Tr —

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town Clerk

School Districts Limits of —

Report of Committee on — March 7 1831 Continued — from page 92 ——

No. 9. Beginning at South East Corner at two mile bridge so called on the line between Chelmsford and Lowell and running Northerly on Lowell Line to Merrimack River — Thence Westerly on said river to a black oak tree marked at the North-west corner of the King lot. Thence westerly to a stone bound on the east side of the Turnpike between land of the Messrs Dunn's and Francis Richardson — Thence southerly to a stake and stones at a corner of Capt. John Butterfield's field where the road leading from Dea. Josiah Shattuck's to Joseph Pierce's intersects the road leading from Maj. Joseph Hannings' to the Glass-house Thence Easterly to the bound first mentioned —

Otis Adams }
Charles H. Barbour } Committee
Joel B. Wright }

April 4th 1831 — Accepted by the Town

Recorded Feby. 26th 1858 by
C. F. Webster Town Clerk

For the preceding part of this report see page 90 to 92 inclusive —— It appears that the former town Clerk accidentally omitted to record that part of the Report of the Committee which is found on this page ——

Town Officers chosen and Sworn, in the year 1832

Town of Chelmsford Monday. March 5. 1832.
The Following named persons were on the aboves'd day in legal town Meeting chosen into the several offices set against their respective names and have appeared before the Subscriber, Town-Clerk of said town and taken the oath by law required to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen. as follows,

		Time of taking the oath
Otis Adams	} Selectmen	March 26
Samuel Barbank		" 26
Jona^{a} M. Read		" 26
Otis Adams	} Assessors	" 26
Samuel Barbank		" 26
Jona^{a} M. Read		" 26
Joseph Heywood	} Constables	" 5
James Pitts		" 17
Thomas J. Adams		" 8
Joseph Read	} Measurers of wood	" 17
Sherbiah Spalding		" 17
Samuel P. Hadley		" 26
Benj. J. Eben	} Surveyors of lumber	" 17
Samuel P. Hadley		" 26
Thomas J. Adams	weighers of hay	" 8

Otis Adams
Samuel Barbank } Surveyors of Highways June 25th
Jonathan M. Read

Jas Adams Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting August 16th 1832 -

Middlesex ss. To Capt. James Pitts one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford in said County greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Center Meetinghouse in said Town on Thursday the sixteenth day of August instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles - viz -

1 To choose a Moderator

2 To see if the town will choose a committee to let out & superintend the making a piece of a new road near the house of John Carlton

3 To take into consideration the Petition of Jacob Osgood and others to the County Commissioners praying for a new highway or straightening from the burying place in Westford near the house of Josiah Snow to Middlesex Village in Chelmsford and act thereon -

4 To see if the Town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen from the Guide post near Ebenezer Spaldings to Westford line, and from the house of Thomas Crafts across pine hill to the road leading from Ebenr Spauldings to Daniel Duttons, or act thereon.

5 To see if the Town will take measures to have the amendments or straightenings in the road from near Daniel Parkers to Carlisle line discontinued, or act thereon -

6 To see if the Town will accept a new highway as laid out by the Selectmen from the house of Robert Richardson till it intersects the road leading from Chelmsford Meetinghouse to Westford near the house of Capt. Nathaniel Spauldings, or act thereon -

7 To see if the town will choose a board of health for the present year

8 To see what measures the town will take in relation to the suit instituted by Capt. Jonathan Hall against the Town -

Warrant for Town Meeting. Augt. 16. 1832

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at each of the publick Meeting houses, and at the Tavern of Thomas J. Adams all in Chelmsford so that the same may stand at least two Sabaths previous to the time of holding the aforesaid Meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for holding the Meeting aforesaid —

Given under our hands and seals at said Chelmsford this second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Otis Adams
Samel. Burbank
Jonathan M. Read
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by. — Jack Adams, Town Clerk

Return on said Warrant

Town of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. August 4. 1832 — In obedience to the foregoing Warrant I have notified and Warned the Inhabitants of Chelmsford in said County, Qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place in said Warrant and for purposes therein expressed, by posting attested Copies of the same at the places therein described, so that the same may stand at least two Sabaths previous to the time of holding said Meeting —

James Pitts. Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Town Meeting. August 16th A. D. 1832 –

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on Thursday the sixteenth day of August. A. D. 1832 at two of the Clock in the afternoon –

Proceeded to business by receiving the written votes of the Voters for a Moderator of the Meeting and chose Capt. Otis Adams, Moderator

Voted To choose a Committee of three to superintend the letting out and making the new road near John Carltons

Voted Said Committee was by ballot chosen and Messrs David Perham and Ephraim Adams, were chosen

Voted To dismiss the 3d Article in the Warrant.

Voted To reconsider the last mentioned Vote –

Voted To choose a Committee of three to assist the County Commissioners in viewing the proposed new road as prayed for in the Petition of John Osgood & others.

Voted and Chose Charles Bent. Capt. Josiah Fletcher and Jack Adams, said Committee –

Voted That said Committee be instructed to exercise their discretion and Judgment in opposing or assenting to said Petition according to circumstances –

Voted That the town will not accept of the Road mentioned in the 4th Article of the Warrant

Voted To dismiss the fourth Article of the Warrant

Voted That the Selectmen take measures to discontinue the the new piece of road and the alterations of the old road as lately ordered by the County Commissioners on the Petition of Thomas Green and others.

Voted To dismiss the sixth Article in the Warrant –

Voted To choose a board of Health

Voted That the three Selectmen with two others be ^ Messrs Jewett, one of them to reside at the Middlesex Village and one at North Chelmsford, constitute the Board of Health, and Josiah and Charles Bent, and John T Town, were chosen

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Voted to add two more to the Board of Health. to be Physicians, and chose Dr. Paul Kittredge and John C. Bartlett. M.D.

Voted that the Selectmen of the Town be authorized to grant relief to such poor persons in this town as shall be attacked by the Cholera. whenever such persons shall happen to be in need of assistance

Voted to choose a Committee to defend the Suit commenced by Jon.a M. Read against this Town

Voted that said Committee consist of nine

Voted that said Committee be authorized to compromise said Suit by Reference or otherwise, or defend the same before a jury

Voted for said Committee by ballot and chose William Austin Esq.r Capt. John Fitchfield. Jesse Smith Esq.r William Hobart Esq.r Stevens Adams, Capt. Zaccheus Wright, Dea. Isaiah Spalding. Maj.r Joseph Manning and Samuel F. Wood

Voted to dismiss the Meeting

Attest Jacl Adams Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov.r 12, 1832

Middlesex ss. To Capt. James Pitts, one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting house on Monday the twelfth day of November next at twelve of the clock at noon, then and there to give in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth, and five Senators for the district of Middlesex on one Ballot - Also to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for fourteen Electors of President and vice Presidents of the United States on one Ballot, which Ballot shall contain the name of at least one inhabitant of each of the Congressional districts into which the Commonwealth is divided with the

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name of the district, expected to which he belongs — Also, for the purpose of agreeing upon the number of Representatives said town will send to the next General Court of said Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of January next; and to choose some suitable person or persons to represent them at said General Court — and you are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the above named time and place then and there to act on the following Articles, viz.

1 To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

2 To take into consideration the Petition of Joshua Bonnel & others to County Commissioners, praying for straightening and alteration in the highway between Billerica and Sandy near the house of Jno Carlton in Chelmsford, and act thereon.

3 To take into consideration the petition of Benjamin Prescott and others to the said Commissioners, praying for various alterations in the road leading through Chelmsford to Sowell, beginning at the house of Abijah Read in Westford to Canal Bridge in Chelmsford and act thereon.

4 To take into consideration the Petition of Graham Bartlett and others to said Commissioners praying for sundry alterations in the road leading from Littleton to Chelmsford, beginning at a point near the Congregational Meeting house in Littleton, and terminating near the tavern of Willard Reed in Chelmsford & act thereon.

5 To take into consideration the Petition of Otis Heywood and others to said Commissioners praying for various alterations in the road leading from Carlisle to Chelmsford, terminating near the house of Joseph Warren, and act thereon.

6 To see if the town will order and direct that no Gunpowder above the quantity of fifty pounds shall be kept or deposited in any shop, store or other building in this town which shall be within the distance of twenty five rods from any other building, or act thereon.

7 To see if the town will order or direct that the bridge near the house of Abel Spalding be repaired with Stone or otherwise, and act thereon.

8 To see if the town will devise any new method of repairing the highways and bridges in said Town for the next year, —

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to choose any Committee that may be thought necessary in
view of said Alteration or act any thing thereon that the town may
think proper

5 Fosse of the Town will order any thing respecting a parcel of land,
deeded by Richard Faulkner to the town of Chelmsford and to choose
any agent or committee to carry any such order into effect, or
act any thing in relation to the same.

10 Fosee if the Town will order any thing respecting a claim made by
the town of Lowell against said Town of Chelmsford, in support of Isaac
Blaisdell — And you are directed to serve this Warrant by
posting up attested copies of the same as follows, viz, one at
each of the publick Meeting houses, and one at the Tavern
of T. J. Adams in said town, so that the same stand at least
two sabaths previous to the time of holding the aforesaid Meet-
ing — Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with
your doings thereon unto ourselves at or before the time of
holding the Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty third
day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty two. Otis Adams
Saml. Burbank
Jonathan M. Read
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by — Jael Adams. Town Clerk —

Constables Return —

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Oct. 31. 1832, In obedience
to this warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders
and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford to meet at time
and place, and for purposes expressed therein, by posting
up attested Copies of the same at the places therein directed,
so that the same may stand two sabaths at least, previous
to the time appointed for holding said Meeting.

James Pitts, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jael Adams. Town Clerk

Choice of Electors. Nov. 12. 1832 150

At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the second Monday of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty two for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States:- The whole number of votes given in were received, sorted, counted, and declared, and record thereof made in open town Meeting, as directed by the Act passed the twenty fourth day of March A.D. 1832. and were for the following persons:

Electors.

At large

Charles Jackson, one hundred and twenty three
Nathan Willis Seventy four
John D. Williams, one

Elector for Suffolk District.

Thomas H. Perkins, one hundred and twenty three
Charles Hood Seventy four
Jacob Hall one

Elector for Essex South District

Gideon Barstow, one hundred twenty three
John Moriarty, Seventy four
William B. Breed one

Elector for Essex North District.

Ebenezer Mosely, one hundred twenty three
Amos Noyes, Seventy four
Thomas Payson one

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Elector for Middlesex District.
William Brooks, one hundred and twenty three
Elephalet Case, Seventy four
Benjamin Hyman, one

Elector for Worcester South District
Aaron Tufts, one hundred and twenty three
Richard Olney Seventy four
Plinny Merrick, one

Elector for Worcester North District
Samuel Lee, one hundred twenty three
Charles Sibley, Seventy four
S.P. Gardner, one

Elector for Franklin District
Ebenezer Mattoon, one hundred twenty three
Perley Barton, Seventy four
Asa Stebbins, one

Elector for Hampden District.
James Byers, one hundred twenty three
William W. Thompson, Seventy four
John Coffee one

Elector for Berkshire District
Henry Shaw, one hundred twenty three
Phineas Allen, Seventy four
J. W. Robbins, one

Elector for Norfolk District
James Richardson, one hundred twenty three
Ebenezer Seaver Seventy four
John Bailey one

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Elector for Plymouth District
Jotham Lincoln, one hundred twenty three
Peter H. Pierce, Seventy four
Zachariah Eddy one.

Elector for Bristol District
Cornelius Grinnell, one hundred twenty three
John M. Williams, Seventy four
Joseph Richardson, one

Elector for Barnstable District.
Nymphas Marston, one hundred twenty three
Samuel Sleeper, Seventy four
Benjamin Hallet one

Otis Adams
Samuel Barbank
Jon[a] M. Read
Joel Adams,
Selectmen of Plymouth,
Town Clerk

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Governor &c. 1832. Nov. 12th

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the twelfth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth - The whole number of Votes given in were sorted, counted, marked and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed; and were for the following persons -

For Governor,
Levi Lincoln, one hundred and twelve
Marcus Morton, Eighty five
Samuel Lathrop, one

For Lieutenant Governor,
Samuel T. Armstrong, one hundred and two
John Mills Eighty two

Otis Adams
Samuel Barbank } Selectmen
Jon^a M. Read } of
Joel Adams. Town Clerk } Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Senators &c. 1832 Nov. 12.th 134

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors holden on the twelfth day of November, being the second Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the district of Middlesex – The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed – and were for the following persons.

For Daniel Richardson one hundred & nineteen
" Francis Winship one hundred & twenty.
" Nathaniel Austin one hundred & twenty.
" Samuel Hoar fifty two.
" Elihu Cutler fifty six
" Charles Swain fifty seven
" Zadock Howe fifty eight –
" John Davis seventy five –
" William Winn seventy five
" James Russell seventy five –
" Coburn Blood seventy five –
" William Buttrick seventy five –

Otis Adams. } Selectmen
Saml. Burbank. } of
Jon.a M. Read. } Chelmsford
Attest Adams Town Clerk

Recorded by Otis Adams, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Novr 12th 1832

At legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Gridmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified by Law to vote for Town officers and in the Town affairs, held at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the twelfth day of November A.D. 1832 at twelve of the clock at noon, the Town proceeded and Voted as follows, to wit:

Voted For a Moderator and chose Capt. Gridam

Voted To take up the 2d. 3d. 4th & 5th Articles of the Warrant and act upon them together

Voted To refer said Articles to a Committee of three with instructions to dispose the Petitions in said Articles referred to, and Jael Adams, William Adams Esq., and Dan. Isaiah Spalding were chosen said Committee

Voted That the town does Order and direct that no gunpowder above the quantity of fifty pounds shall be kept or deposited in any Shop, Store or other building in this town, which shall be within the distance of twenty five rods of any other building.

Voted That the bridge near the house of Mr. Abel Spalding be covered with flat Stones, and that a wing be built of Stone in its center.

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to repair said bridges, and that they may omit the building of the pier in the same, if they think proper.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to devise the best Manner of repairing the roads, to report at the next March Meeting, and Benjamin Chamberlin, Isaac Chamberlin and Jethah Parker were chosen &c

Voted That the town sell and convey the land on Drum Hill, which Richard Faulkner conveys to this town.

Town Meeting Nov. 12. 1832. con'd.

Voted ... chose Joel Adams, an Agent for the Town, and that he be authorised to make and execute a Deed of said land on Drum hill in the name and on behalf of the inhabitants of this Town, to any person who may purchase the same, and for such sum as said Adams, may agree upon

Voted That after reserving for the town's use, a sum sufficient to pay the Town for supporting said Faulkner, while he was chargable to this town, and the charges of selling said land, the residue of the proceeds of the sale be paid to said Faulkner

Voted To refer the tenth Article in the Warrant to the Overseers of the Poor

Voted to dismiss the Meeting

A true record, Attest Joel Adams, T. Clerk

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Warrant for March Meeting 1833.

Middlesex ss. To Capt. James Wiles one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Town Officers and in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Centre Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles viz.

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at the Meeting.

2nd. To make choice of all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. —

3rd. To hear the Reports of sundry Committees Chosen by the Town and ordered to report at this Meeting and act thereon.

4th. To grant Money for the support of Schools, Poor house and all other Town Charges.

5th. To see in what way and manner the Roads and Bridges shall be repaired in said Town the year ensuing. ——

6th. To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex.

7th. To receive the collection of taxes for the year ensuing

8th. To see if the Town will restrain Horses, neat Cattle and Swine from going at large within the limits of said town the year ensuing or act thereon.

9th. To see in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said Town the ensuing year and the Money divided between the several School Districts.

10th. To choose a Committee to make the next annual settlement with the Town Treasurer.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each of the following places viz: one at each of the Meetinghouses, and one at the Tavern of Thos. J. Adams all in said Town so that the same may stand two weeks at least previous to the time of holding the

Warrent for March Meeting Con^{t}. 1833.

meeting aforesaid. Keep you not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for holding the aforesaid Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Otis Adams. } Selectmen
Sam^{l} Burbank. } of
Jonathan L. Read. } Chelmsford.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford February 22. 1833

In obedience to the foregoing Warrent I have posted attested copies of the same at each of the places therein named and thereby have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town to assemble at time place & for purposes therein expressed.

James Pitts. } Constable of
Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting. March 4th. 1833.—

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford. in the County of Middlesex, qualified by Law to vote for Town-Officers and in town-affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March A.D. 1833, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, being the annual Town-Meeting. they proceeded and voted as follows; to wit.—

Voted For a Moderator a chose Mr. Charles Blood.
Voted For a Town-Clerk and chose Joel Adams, who was duly sworn by the Moderator in open Town-Meeting.
Voted To choose three Selectmen.
Voted For the first Selectman and chose Capt. Otis Adams.
Voted For the 2d. Selectman, and chose Mr. Samel. Burbank.
Voted For the 3d. Selectman, and chose Majr. Jona. M. Read,
Voted For a Town-Treasurer, and chose Benj: Chamberlin,
Voted To accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor,
Voted To choos three Overseers of the Poor, on one Ballot.
Voted For three Overseers of the Poor, and chose — Samuel Davis Esqr. Francis Richardson and Robert Richardson.
Voted To choose three Overseers of the work house and chose. Samuel Davis. Esqr. Francis Richardson and Robert Richardson.
Voted To choose two Constables, and chose Joseph Heywood and James Pitts, and they both signified the acceptance of that office.
Voted To adjourn this Meeting half an hour to meet at the same place — after which met according to adjournment and — — — — —
Voted To choose four Fishwardens.
Voted For four Fishwardens and chose Timothy Manning, Charles Richardson, John Parker and Amos Whitney jr.
Voted To accept the Report of the Committee, who made the annual Settlement with the T. Treas.

Voted To choose a School Committee of three, on one ballot.
Voted For said School-Committee, and chose Joel Adams, Otis Adams and Charles Blood
Voted To choose one more Constable and made choice of Lesley Scammel, who accepted said office.
Voted To choose three Fence-Viewers, and chose Prescott Kimball, Allen Robinson and Jephtah Parker.
Voted To choose three Field-drivers, and chose, Jonas Pierce 2d, Cyrus Howard and Jephtah Parker.
Voted To choose nine Surveyors of Lumber, and chose Allen Robinson, Henry Byam, John Parker, Benj: J. Obear, Amos Shed, Spurake Livingston, Samuel P. Hadley, Edmund Swett, and Benjamin Blood.
Voted To choose three more Surveyors of Lumber and chose Eli J. Webster, Azariah Proctor and Amos Whitney Jr.
Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School-District, and chose in No. 1. Joseph Reed
" 2 Joel Parkhurst
" 3 Daniel Proctor
" 4 Sherebiah Spalding
" 5 Charles Adams
" 6 Thomas Marshall
" 7 Alpheus Spalding
" 8 Thomas J. Adams
" 9 Josh Kopper
Voted To choose two more Measurers of Wood, and chose Eben Adams, Esq. and Samuel P. Hadley.
Voted To choose twelve Hog-Reeves, and chose Stephen Butterfield, Benjamin Heywood, Willard Proctor, Marcus Byam, Varnum Spalding, Lot Easte, Capt. Solomon Parkhurst, Elijah Richardson, Jr. Deen Holt, Geo. Worcester, David Warren, and Barnabas N. Bradt.
Voted To choose four Weighers of Hay and chose Thomas J. Adams, Willard Read, Jesse Smith and Jos. Manning
Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime and chose Artemas Parker and William Parker.

March Meeting 1833. con'd.

Voted That the roads and bridges be repaired in the same way and manner they were the last year.

Voted To choose ten High-way-Surveyors and chose

Capt. Josiah Fletcher Jr. Isaiah Spalding
Owen Emerson Jr. Eph^m Adams
Samuel E. Foster Enoch Merrell
George Worcester Benj^a Chamberlin
Thomas Marshall and Elijah Richardson Jr.

Voted To choose a Board of Health & Sewers & chose

Otis Adams. Samuel Burbank. Jon^a W. Kerr
Charles Brick. John F. Torry. Paul Kittredge
and John C. Bartlett.

Voted and granted the sum of eight hundred dollars for the repairs of the Highways and Bridges.

Voted and granted the sum of one hundred dollars for the support of the Poor.

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be directed to pay the two hundred dollars now due on account of the Poor-farm - Debt.

Voted and granted the sum of eight hundred dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town.

Voted and granted the sum of one thousand dollars for the support of the Town-Schools.

Voted For a County Treasurer for the County of Middlesex and the Votes were for Hon. John Keyes, Seventy six
Wm L. Chaplain Eight
Nathan Brooks three.

Voted That fifty seven dollars of the School-Money be apportioned among the small School-Districts at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted To choose one Collector of Taxes -

Voted That the collection of the Taxes be put up and offered to the lowest bidder, and they were accordingly put up and struck off to Jos^h Thak Parker at two cents and two mills on the dollar to be collected on the same terms as last year.

March Meeting. 1833. continued.

Voted For a Collector of Taxes, and chose Joseph Ash Parker.

Voted To restrain Horses, Neat Cattle and other commonable Beasts from going at large in this Town without a Keeper, the ensuing year.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to grant license to such persons as they shall judge proper, to allow one milch cow to a family to go at large in this town, subject to such rules as the Selectmen may adopt, so that the owners thereof shall not be subject to a fine by reason of the above vote to restrain them.

Voted That the Schools be kept in the same way and manner they were the last year.

Voted To choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town-Treasurer and chose Saml Adams, Majr. Joseph Manning & Dea. Sarah Spalding

Voted To dismiss the Meeting.

Attest. Josl Adams. Town Clerk.

Settlement with Town Treasurer March 2. 1833.

The subscribers a committee appointed by the Town of Chelmsford, to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer have attended to that and submit the following Report (to wit). The Treasurer charges himself with the balance due at the last annual settlement in $ 1.40

With cash received of Joseph Haywood for 1830 " 123,96

" Do do " 1831 " 77.83

" Do do " 1832. 2348,79

Amounting to the sum of $.2551.98

And is credited

By cash paid sundry Orders drawn by the Selectmen amounting to sum of $2325,48

Leaving balance due from the Treasurer $226,50

All which is respectfully submitted

Joel Adams
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Committee

Assented to by Benj^a Chamberlain Treas^r

Chelmsford March 2^d 1833

Town of Chelmsford, Monday March 4. 1833 -

The following named persons were on the above said day in legal town Meeting chosen into the several offices, set against their respective names, and have appeared before the Subscriber Town Clerk of said Town and taken the oath by law required to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen as follows. viz.

		Time of taking the oath
Otis Adams	Selectmen	March 9th
Samuel Burbank	"	"
Jon^a M. Reed	"	"
Otis Adams	Assessors	"
Samuel Burbank	"	"
Jon^a M. Reed	"	"
Lesley Scammon	Constable	" 4th
Joseph Heywood	Do	" 9th
James Pitts	Do	" "
Elijah Richardson jr.	Surveyor of Highways	" 4th
Isaiah Spaulding	Do	" "
George Worcester	Do	" "
Enoch Merrill	Do	" "
Owen Emerson jr	Do	" "
Thomas Marshall	Do	" "
Samuel E. Foster	Do	" "
Lovell Fletcher	Do	April 1
Joseph Manning	Do	" "
Charles Richardson	Fish warden	March 4
Samuel P. Hadley	Surveyor of Wood &c	" "
Jonas Pierce 2^d	Field Driver	" "
Benj: Blood	Surveyor of Lumber	" "
Eben. Adams	Measurer of Wood	April 1
Azariah Proctor	Sur. of Lumber	" 4
Daniel Proctor	Measurer of wood	Jany. 17. 1834.

Joel Adams
Town Clerk

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(Seal) Middlesex ss. To Capt James Pitts one of the Con-
Seal) stables of the Town of Chelmsford Greeting
(Seal)

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the meeting house in the centre of said Town, on Monday the first day of April next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes to the selectmen for a Representative to Congress for Congressional district Number four in said State of Massachusetts

And you are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs to assemble at the above named time and place, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

1st To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
2 To fill all vacant Town offices
3 To hear the reports of any committees that may have been chosen by the Town to report at this meeting.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the following places viz. one at each of the public Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Thomas J. Adams, in said Town so that the same may stand at least two sabbaths previous to the time of holding the meeting aforesaid

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at or before the time of holding said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Chelmsford, this eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and Thirty three

Otis Adams
Sam[l] Burbank
Jon[a] M. Reed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Service of said Warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 20 1833

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections to assemble, at the time & place therein required by posting attested copies of the same at the places therein named, so that the same may stand at least two Sabbaths previous to the time appointed for holding the said meeting

James Pitts { Constable of Chelmsford

Annual Town-Meeting, April. 1. 1833

At a legal Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified by law to vote for Town-officers and in town affairs, holden at the Meetinghouse in the Middle of said Town on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1833 at one of the Clock in the afternoon, proceeded as follows, to wit

Capt Otis Adams was chosen Moderator

Voted, To excuse Capt Josiah Fletcher Jr. from serving as surveyor of highways, and chose Capt Lovell Fletcher surveyor of highways, in his stead.

Voted To excuse Mr Benjamin Chamberlain from serving as surveyor of highways, and chose Maj: Joseph Manning surveyor of highways in his stead.

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex of Massachusetts and Commonwealth qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the first day of this inst being the first Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for District, Number four — The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed — and were for the following persons:—

For Edward Everett — fifty four Votes

John Wade — twenty six Votes

Otis Adams
Sam[l] Barbank
Jon[a] M. Reed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

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Warrant for a Town-Meeting. June 24th. 1833

At a legal Town Meting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs holden at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday the 24th day of June A.D. 1833. at three of the clock in the afternoon, proceeded as follows

voted, — For Moderator and chose Mr Francis Hobbs.

To choose a committee of three to superintend

Voted the repairing of the bridge over black brook, near Dcrt. Amos Whitney's

Voted To choose said committee by ballot.

voted For said committee, and chose Charles Blood Isaac Chamberlain and Dcrt. Amos Whitney.

Voted That the Select Men cause said bridge to be repaired, in case this committe do not attend to that service.

Voted That the Selectmen cause any other repairs to be made, on any other bridge in this Town, they may deem nessessary.

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Attest Joel Adams Town Clerk

Road Caution Chelmsford July 18th 1833. We the Subscribers a Majority of the Selectmen of Chelmsford have this day ordered Joseph Warren, Joseph Putnam and Ephraim Warren of said Town to remove certain peices of Wall on the road leading from the Bridge near said Warrens to the road leading from the House of Elias Sweetser to the House of Betsy Foster, which peices of wall have been raised, so as to incumber said road within twenty years —

Otis Adams, Selectmen
Jon.a M. Read, Chelmsford

Recorded by order of the Selectmen.

By Joel Adams, Town Clerk

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Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting —
November 11th. 1833

(Seal) Middlesex ss. To Capt. James Pitts one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the Constitution to vote in Elections, to meet and assemble at the meeting house in the Centre of said Town on Monday the eleventh day of November next at twelve of the clock at noon, then and there to act on the following articles. viz.

(Seal) 1st To bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for Governor and Lieut: Governor of this Commonwealth and for five Senators, for the County of Middlesex, on one ballot for the year ensuing.

2d To act on an amendment of the Constitution of said Commonwealth, proposed by the last General Court of the same, being the third article of the bill of rights.

3d To determine the number of representatives said Town will choose for the present year

4th To choose one or more representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first wednesday of January next

Also you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote for Town Officers and in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the above named time and place, in order to act on the following articles viz:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To see if the Town will accept of a straightening in the road, between the House of Abijah Spaulding and David Perhams as laid out by the selectmen or act any thing thereon

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each of the public meeting houses, and one at the Tavern of Mr Allister & Jaffs

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in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand at least two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Here fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at or before the time of holding the Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirty three.

Otis Adams
Sam^l Barbank
Jonathan M. Reed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Service of the above Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Nov 1. 1833

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have notified and Warned all the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford to meet and assemble at the time and place therein named and for purposes therein expressed, by posting attested copies of the same at the public Meeting houses, and at the Tavern of Mc Allister & Taft, that the same may stand two Sabbaths previous to the time appointed for said Meeting.

James Pitts { Constable of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov.r 11th. A. D. 1833

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualefied by law to Vote for Town officers and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town, on Monday the eleventh day of November A. D. 1833 at 12 o'clock, M.

Voted — For a Moderator of the Meeting and chose Capt. Otis Adams —

Voted — To refer the last Article in the Warrant to a Committee of three.

Voted — For said Committee and chose Jack Adams, Capt. Otis Adams and Samuel Davis, Esqr —

Voted — To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest Jos.h Adams, Town Clerk

Road Caution.

Chelmsford July 18th. 1833 —

We the Subscribers, a Majority of the Selectmen of Chelmsford have this day ordered Jonathan Parker 2.d to remove a certain piece of wall on the road from Elias Sweetsirs to Betsy Fosters, which said piece of wall has been laid out, so that the road is not two rods wide, within the last six months — Otis Adams, Selectmen
Jon.a M. Reed, Chelmsford

Recorded by order of the Selectmen —
By Jack Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Governor Nov^r 1833

Com^nwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the eleventh day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and thirty three, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in for Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

For Governor

Hon = John Davis
Eighty one votes

Hon Marcus Morton
Seventy one votes

Hon John Q Adams fifty eight votes

Otis Adams
Sam^l Burbank
Jonathan M Read
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams Town Clerk

For Lieu^t Governor

Samuel T Armstrong Eighty six votes
James Fowler Seventy votes
Samuel Lothrop Fifty Eight votes

Otis Adams
Samuel Burbank
Jonathan M Read
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams Town Clerk

Votes for Lieutenant Governor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the eleventh day of November, being the second Monday of said month in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and thirty three for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

Hon. Samuel T. Armstrong, eighty Six
" James Fowler, Seventy
" Samuel Lathrop fifty eight.

Otis Adams
Sam[l] Burbank } Selectmen of
Jun[r] M. Read } Chelmsford

Otis Jack Adams Town Clerk

Votes for Senators and Counsellors

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution, to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the eleventh day of November being the second Monday of said month in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and thirty three, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and counsellors for the district of Middlesex. The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons—

For Hon Nathaniel Austin Eighty six votes
" Elihu Cutler Eighty five "
" Sidney Wood Eighty six "
" Daniel Shattuck Eighty six "
" Nathaniel Wright Eighty three "
" John Hunt Sixty nine "
" Thomas J Greenwood Sixty nine "
" James Russell Sixty nine "
" William Buttrick Sixty nine "
" Coburn Bled Jr Sixty nine "
" Timothy Fuller Fifty three "
" William Munroe Fifty three "
" John Chart Fifty three "
" Caleb Wakefield Fifty three "
" David Townsend Fifty six "

Otis Adams
Saml Barbour
Jon Wood
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

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Amendment of the Constitution

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Pursuant to a resolve of the General Court of Massachusetts, approved by the Governor March 18th 1833., entitled, "Resolve for submitting to the People a proposed Article of Amendment to the Constitution", the inhabitants of the town of Bluhnsford qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives in the General Court, being duly convened at a meeting legally warned and held, on the second Monday of November current, being the eleventh day of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes, for or against a proposed Article of Amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, submitted to the People by the Resolve aforesaid, and having voted thereon by ballott, the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by said Resolve is directed and were as follows:

For said Amendment, one hundred and ninety one votes

Against said Amendment four votes

Otis Adams
Samuel Burbank
Jonathan M. Rea
} Selectmen of Bluhnsford

Attest Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Perambulation of Town lines. — Carlisle —

Be it Remembered that on this fourth day of September, A. D. 1833. the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford and Carlisle having met by the appointment of the selectmen of said Chelmsford, being the most ancient of said Towns proceeded to run the lines between the said Towns, pursuant to the provisions of a law of this Commonwealth passed March 23d A.D. 1786, and the bounds by us renewed between said Towns are as follows viz.

1st. A Stone marked W.C.C. in a field of Oliver Shattuck's making the Southwest corner Bound of Chelmsford and Northwest corner of Carlisle

2d A Stone marked C.C. near an old wall running North and South in the Wood Land of Daniel Proctor

3d A Stone marked C.C. on land of Widow Polsie West of Jacob Blaisdell's house.

4th A Stone marked C.C. on the West side of the Road North of said Blaisdell's house.

5th A Stone marked C.C. ~~on Woodland of Widow Proctor~~, about twenty rods East of said Road

6th A Stone marked C.C. on woodland of Widow Proctor about twenty rods East of the Brook.

7th A Stone marked C.C. on Daniel Proctor's field

8th A Stone marked C.C. on the pasture of Capt. Zacheus Wright about twenty rods Westerly of the Road leading from Rhoda Crosbys to George Sawyers.

9th A Stone marked C.C. about two rods East of the road

10th A Stone marked C.C. East of the road leading from Jonathan Parkers to Reuben Parkers

11th A Stone marked C.C. about forty rods north of Benjamin Baldwin's house

12th A Stone marked C.C. in woodland of Jacob Adams East of said Baldwin's house.

13 A Stone marked B.C.C. in the Davis meadow at Billerica line

Cyrus Heald. Chairman of the Selectmen of Carlisle.

Otis Adams. Chairman of the Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jacob Adams. Town Clerk.

Town-Lines renewed. — Westford

Be it remembered that on this third day of September A.D. 1833 the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Chelmsford and Westford having met by appointment of the Selectmen of Chelmsford the most ancient of said Towns, proceeded to run the lines and renew the Bounds between the said Towns, pursuant to a provision of a law of this Commonwealth, passed March 23d. 1786. and the Bounds between said Towns by us renewed are as follows, viz —

1 A Stone in Tyngs' meadow, marked, W. T. C.

2 A Stone marked C. W. at the Northwest corning of a wall on land of Robert B. Chamberlin.

3 A heap of Stones on a Ledge in the woods about 15 rods north of a small pond hole

4 A Stone marked W. C. East of the House of Andrew Fletcher Jr. near land of Otis and Samuel Howard

5 A Stone marked C. W. near the House of Thurston Fletcher

6 A Stone marked C.W. East of Samuel Richardson, near the wall

7 A Stone marked C. W. about 40 rods South of Stephen Heyes.

8. A Stone marked C. W. on Jacob Osgood land by the road leading from Chelmsford to Westford

9 A Stone marked C. W. East of Ethel Haywood

10 A Stone marked C. W. opposite the house of Wm Hildreth

11 A Stone marked C.W. on Widow Haywood's field

12 A Stone marked C. W. on land of Artemas Parker and nearly West of his house

13 A Stone marked C. W. on the East side of Pond plain road

14 A Stone marked C. W. East of the House of Thos. Hutchins

15 A Stone marked W. C. C. at Carlisle line East of Josiah Boynton's House

Jon^{a} Prescott, Thomas Richardson } Selectmen of Westford

Otis Adams } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Sherburn Spaulding, Agent for }

Recorded by Jacl Adams Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on this second day of September A.D. 1833 the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Chelmsford and Tyngsboro' having by the appointment of the said Selectmen of Chelmsford, the most eminent of said towns, proceeded to run the lines and renew the Bounds between the said Towns, pursuant to the provisions of a law of this Commonwealth passed March 23. 1786. and the Bounds between said Towns by us renewed are as follows, viz
Beginning at a large stone near Wickesie Fall, marked T & C thence running Westerly to a large Stone on the West side of the great road opposite Jacob Rieders house, marked T & C.; thence Southerly by said road on the West side thereof to a Stone Monument on the West side of the road near Isaac Chamberlins new House, marked T. & C.: thence South 44° W. fifteen rods to a Stone marked T & C. thence N. 53° W. sixty six rods to a Stone marked T & C.: thence N. 22° W. fifty rods to a Stone marked T & C.: thence N. 9° E. twenty rods to a Stone marked T. & C. near Richard Littlehales house: thence N. 42° W seventy two rods to a Stone by the side of the Cummings' road, so called: marked T & C.: thence S. 70° W. thirty nine rods to a stone in the edge of a Swamp marked T. & C. thence N. 1° W. thirty rods to a Stone marked T & C.: thence N. 34° W. one hundred and twenty rods to a Stone monument in Tyngs meadow, marked W. C & T. being a corner bound of Chelmsford and Westford

Daniel Taylor
Senior Thompson
William Blodgett
Otis Adams
Sam[l] Berbank
Selectmen of Tyngsboro'
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting. Feby. 3d 1834.

Middlesex ss. To Capt. James Pitts one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and Warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Center-Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third day of February next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting

2d To take into consideration the Law-suit now pending against the Town in favor of Col. Jonathan M. Reed, and to determine what the Town will do in relation to said Suit.

3d To take measures to ascertain the amount of the expenses already incurred in defending said Suit,

4th. To choose a Committee or Committees in reference to said Suit, or act any thing thereon, the Town may think proper.

5th To see what measures the town will take, with regard to an action entered against the for damages sustained by Solomon Seavey, by upsetting his Chaise.

6 To hear the Report of a Committee chosen at a former town Meeting, to establish the location of a piece of Road between David Perhams and Abijah Spauldings and act thereon —

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the publick Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Mr. Alister & Capt. in Chelmsford, so that the same may stand two

Sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding the aforesaid Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding the Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Otis Adams,
Saml Burbank,
J. M. Reed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. January 25. 1834. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed, by posting up attested Copies thereof at the places therein required, so that the same may stand two Sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding said Meeting.

James Petty, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Town Meeting Feby. 3d. 1834 —

At a legal Town Meeting of the Free-holders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, holden at the Center Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the Third day of February, 1834, at one of the Clock in the afternoon. The Town proceeded as follows, to wit:

Voted For a Moderator and chose Capt. Otis Adams —

Voted To dismiss the Second, Third & Fourth Articles in the Warrant.

Voted To choose a Committee to enquire into the Merits of the Suit commenced by Tol-Leavy against this Town, to report at the next Town Meting

Voted That said Committee consist of Three and chose Capt. Otis Adams, Mr. Sam[l] Burbank and Wm Adams, Esqr —

Voted To refer the 6th Article in the Warrant to the next Town Meeting —

Voted To dismiss the Meting —

Attest Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting - March 3d A.D. 1834.

Middlesex ss.

To Simeon Cue one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Center Meeting house in Chelmsford on Monday the third day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz —

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

2d To make choice of all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing —

3d To hear the Report of the Committee chosen to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer and act thereon.

4th To grant Money for the Support of Schools, Roads, Poor, and other Town Charges for the ensuing year.

5th To see in what way and manner the Roads and Bridges shall be repaired in said Town the year ensuing —

6th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Horses, neat Cattle and Swine from running at large the year ensuing —

7th To give in their Votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex

8th To conduct the Collection of the Taxes.

9th To choose a Committee to make the next annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

10th To see in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept, and the money devided between the several School Districts the year ensuing.

11th To take into consideration the claim of Josiah Crow for Damages sustained by the upsetting of a waggon on the road between Jonas R. Proctors and Isaac Crookers, or act any thing thereon —

(12th)

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12th — To hear the Report of the Committee on the Road between David Perhams and Abijah Spaldings and act thereon.

13th To see if the Town will raise Money to rait the roads, & act thereon —

14th At the request of Benjamin Blood, to see if the Town will Vote to instruct the School-Committee to order the winter School Money belonging to School District No 8 & act thereon.

15th At the request of Gideon Whittemore to see if the Town will allow him damages for trespassing on his land on the road leading over Drum Hill and near said Hill, & act thereon. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the following place, viz: one at each of the publick Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Mr Allarton and Post- in said Chelmsford, so that the same may stand (at least) two Sabaths, previous to time of holding the Meeting aforesaid —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town-Clerk, on or before the time of holding the Meeting aforesaid - Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Otis Adams
Sam[l] Burbank
Jonathan M. Read
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Jacl Adams, Town Clerk.

Recorded by

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, Feby. 22. 1834, Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants and other Inhabitants of Chelmsford aforesaid to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes therein expressed by posting up attested Copies thereof at the places therein limited, so that the same may stand two Sabaths at previous to the time appointed for s[d] Meeting —

James Pott, Constable &c

Recorded by Jacl Adams Town Clerk

Town-Meeting-Monday-March 3d A.D. 1834

Town of Chelmsford, Monday-March 3d A.D. 1834—.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to Vote for Town-officers and in Town-affairs, held at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday, the third day of March A.D. 1834 at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, being the annual Town Meeting. they proceeded and Voted as followeth: to wit

Voted For a Moderator and chose Capt. Otis Adams, after which, prayers were offered by the Revd John Parkhurst.

Voted For a Town-Clerk, and chose said Adams, who was duly sworn in open Town Meeting by the Moderator of this Meeting.

Voted To choose three Selectmen

Voted For a Chairman of the Selectmen, and chose Capt. Otis Adams

Voted For the second Selectman, and chose Mr. Saml Burbank.

Voted For the third Selectman, and chose Dea. Isaiah Spaulding.

Voted For a Town-Treasurer and chose Mr. Benj.n Chamberlin

Voted To adjourn the Meeting fifteen minutes. after which time, met according to adjournment and

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor, at one Ballot

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor on one Ballot and chose Mr. Ephraim Adams. Mr. Francis Richardson & Mr. Ephraim Warren.

Voted To choose in like manner three Overseers of the Work house, and chose Ephraim Adams, Francis Richardson & Eph.m Warren.

Annual Town Meeting - March 3d. 1834.

Voted To choose a School Committee of three
Voted For said Committee on one Ballot & chose Joel Adams, Capt. Otis Adams and Lieut. Charles Blood
Voted To take up the 14th Article of the Warrant
Voted Viz. That School District No. 8. receive their proportion of the School Money for the past year; and that hereafter no School District shall receive their proportion of the School Money, unless the Teacher employed by such District conform to the law, in obtaining a Certificate of qualifications -
Voted To choose two Constables
Voted For two Constables and chose James Pitts and Joseph Heywood who signified their acceptance of said office
Voted To choose three Fishwardens
Voted For three Fishwardens, and chose Ephraim Adams, Francis Richardson and Ephraim Warren.
All the foregoing offices were chosen by Written Votes.
Voted To choose three Fence-Viewers, and chose Joseph Parker, Ignatius Tyler and James Pitts.
Voted To choose ten Surveyors of Highways and chose Capt. Josiah Fletcher jr. James Pitts. Benj: Heywood, Edmund Swett, Thomas Marshall. Alpheus Spaulding Esq Joseph Warren jr., Harvey Bryant, Joseph Marshall and Amos Green.
Voted To choose Three Field-Drivers, and chose Benjamin I. Obear, Joseph Heywood and Joseph Warren.
Voted To choose twelve Surveyors of Lumber and chose Henry Byam. John Parker. Benj: I. Obear. Amos Shed Sprake Livingstone. Samuel P. Hadley, Edmund Swett Benj: Blood, Eli F. Webster, Azariah Proctor, Amos Whitney jr. and Isaac Crooker.
Voted To choose Eleven Measurers of Wood, and chose Joseph Reed, Joel Parkhurst, Daniel Proctor, Shubiah Spaulding. Charles Adams. Thos. Marshall, Alpheus Spaulding, Esq. Thos. J. Adams, Joel Roper. Ebn. Adams. Esq. and Samuel P. Hadley —

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Voted To choose three Hog-Reeves, and chose Charles Richardson Varnum Spaulding and James Potts.

Voted To choose four Weighers of Hay and chose Thos. J. Adam, Jesse Smith, Willard Reed and Majr. Jos. Manning.

Voted To choose one more Weigher of Hay and chose Richard Toft.

Voted To choose two Inspetors of Lime and chose Artemas Parker and William Parker.

Voted For a County Treasurer by ballot and the votes was For Hon. John Keyes, forty five; Hon. John Wade fourteen; Hon. Levi Baxter fifteen.

Voted and granted one thousand Dollars for the support of the District Schools the ensuing year.

Voted and granted Eight hundred Dollars, to repair the Roads and Bridges in this Town the ensuing year.

Voted and granted two hundred dollars for the support of the Town's Poor

Voted and granted fifteen hundred Dollars for the payment of the Town's Debts, and to defray the necessary charges of the Town

Voted That the Roads and Breages be repaired in the same way and manner, they were the past year.

Voted To restrain Horses, neat Cattle and other commonable Beasts from going at large in this Town the ensuing year without a keeper.

Voted That the Collection of the Taxes for the ensuing year be offered to the lowest Bidder on the following terms, to wit.
The Collector to receive nothing for what shall remain uncollected on the last day of February next. and that he shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on the first day of May 1835, and shall give Bonds to the acceptance of the Selectmen.
The collection of the Taxes was then put up and struck off to Ezekiel Byam, at one cent, eight mills on the dollar.

Voted For a Collector by ballot and chose Ezekiel Byam.

(Voted)

Annual Town Meeting. March 3. 1834. con'd.

Voted To choose a committee of three to make the next annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer and chose Jael Adams. Capt. Asa Hodgman Jr. and James Pitts.

Voted That Jael Adams. Asa Hodgman Jr. and James Pitts be a Committee to collect the Treasury Note due this Town from the United States.

Voted That the School Money be apportioned among the several School Districts according to what each Districts pays. except the sum of fifty Dollars, which may be apportioned among the small Districts as the Selectmen shall think proper.

Voted To wave the 11th Article in the Warrant to the Selectmen.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee who made the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee respecting the alteration of the Highway between the House of Mr. Abijah Spaulding and the House of David Peckham

Voted That the Selectmen settle with the Owners of the land over which said Highway is laid out, by Reference or otherwise, as the owners and the Selectmen may agree.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised and directed to examine the State of the Roads in this Town, & cause such places as are considered dangerous, to be made safe by a railing, or otherwise, as they shall judge to be necessary and for the interest of the Town.

Voted To dismiss the 15th Article of the Warrant

Voted That the Selectmen may give liberty to such persons as keep one Cow only, to let such cow run at large, the owner to be answerable for all Damages, and to conform to the orders of the Selectmen

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Attest Jael Adams. Town Clerk

Highway altered and Straightened.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Chilmark have laid out for the use of said town a Straightening in the Town-way as follows — Beginning at the center of the old Road between the Houses of Abijah Spaulding and Jacob Pitcham west of a Stake by the wall of Capt. Josiah Fletcher and running Easterly over old road to said Stake two rods, thence Easterly through said Fletcher's land three Rods to land of Wm. Fletcher and Wm. Fletcher Jun.: — thence continuing the same course, through said Fletcher's land eleven rods to a Stake and Stones by the before mentioned road; and from said Fletcher's land the same course to the center of the old Road two and a half rods — to be two and a half rods wide and to lie on the Northerly side of said course. But we have not made any agreement with Owners of the Land over which said road passes for damages, for laying said Road through their land — which said road is reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded as forever after to be known as a publick Town-way —

Dated at Chilmark this thirteenth day of October A.D. 1833

Otis Adams
Sam[u]l. Burbank
Jonathan M. Reed
} Selectmen of Chilmark

The above Report after being altered to a Commonway was accepted by the Town, in legal Town Meeting, on the 3 day of March 1834, and ordered to be recorded

Attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Report of Committee March 3. 1834

Highway altered and straightened.

The Committee to whom was refered the doings or Report of the Selectmen in laying out an Alteration in the Highway between the House of Abijah Spaulding and David Perhams house, have attended to the business refered to them and report —

That your Committee have examined the alteration in the Highway proposed to be made by the Report of the Selectmen, and do recommend that the Town accept of said Report of the Selectmen, on the condition that Lieut. David Perham shall bind himself to build and complete said Alteration to the acceptance of the Selectmen —

Your Committee have not been able to agree with the owners of the Land for their damage.

all which is respectfully submitted

By Jack Adams
Saml. Dawes } Committee.
Otis Adams

The above Report was accepted in Town Meeting March 3d A. D. 1834 and recorded

By Jack Adams Town Clerk

(1834)

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

The Subscribers a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer of the Town of Chelmsford for the past year have attended to that duty and submit the following Report viz —

The Treasurer is charged with the balance due the Town at the last annual Settlement, viz.

	℔ 226.50
Also Cash paid him by Os. Heywood Collector for 1832	145.00
and with Cash paid him by Ephraim Parker Collector for 1833	1813.00
Amounting in all to the sum of	℔ 2184.50
And is allowed for the payment of Sundry Town orders drawn by the Selectmen amounting to	℔ 1727.98
Leaving a balance due the Town from the Treasurer of	456.52

all which is respectfully submitted

By Joel Adams
Joseph Manning
Isaiah Spaulding
} Committee

Chelmsford
March 1. 1834

Assented to Benja Chamberlin, Treasurer

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Town Offices for 1834. Sworn —

Town of Chelmsford Monday. March 3d. 1834.

The following named persons were on the above-said day in legal Town Meting chosen into the several offices, set against their respective names, and have appeared before the Subscriber Town Clerk of said Town, and taken the oath by law required to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen as follows,

		Time of taking the oath	
Otis Adams, Samuel Burbank, Isaiah Spaulding	Selectmen	March	3d
Otis Adams, Samuel Burbank, Isaiah Spaulding	Assessors	March	3d
James Pitts	Constable	"	"
Joseph Heywood,	Constable	"	"
Josiah Fletcher Jr.	Sur. Highways	April	1
James Pitts	Sur. Highways	"	"
Benjamin Heywood	Surveyors of Highways	March	4
Edmund Sweet		"	4
Thomas Marshall		"	4
Alpheus Spaulding		"	4
Joseph Warren Jr		March	4
Harvey Bryant		"	"
Joseph Marshall		March	17
Amos Green	Sur. Highways	March	8
Benj: Blood.	Surveyor Lumber	March	4
Edmund Sweet	do	"	5
Isaac Crocker	do	"	8
Benj. I. Bean	do	"	8
Ebm. Adams.	Measr. of wood	"	3d
Richard Saft.	Weigher of Hay	"	3d
Artimas Parker.	Measr. of Lime	"	3d
Benjamin I. Bean.	Field Driver	Nov. 10.	1834

Jael Adams. Town Clerk

Report of a Committee

who were appointed at Annual Meeting in March 1835. to settle with Josiah Trow for damages sustained by him by reason of a defect in the Highway –

The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town to examine and settle, if they think proper, the claim of Josiah Trow for damages occasioned by overturning his waggon on the Road near Mr. Jonas R. Brooks have attended to their duty ask leave to submit the following Report – viz:

They have paid the said Josiah Trow one half the damages claimed by him, which half amounts to the sum of thirty dollars and fifty cents, and have taken his receipt and discharge in full for the said damages –

Otis Adams
Sam[l] Burbank } Committee
Isaiah Spaulding

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Warrant for Town Meeting April 7th 1834

Middlesex ss. To Capt. James Pitts one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting.

Seal Seal Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for Town-officers, and in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the center Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 7th day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at the Meeting

2d To fill all vacant Town offices, and to choose any additional Town-officers, and to choose any Committee or Committees that may be deemed necessary

3d To take into consideration the Petition of John Abbot and others, to the County Commissioners, praying for a new Highway and alterations from the line between Chelmsford and Westford to Middlesex Village, and act thereon

4th At the request of several individuals, to see if the town will provide any number of Road Scrapers for the use of the town, or act thereon

5th To hear the Report of any Committees, that may have been chosen and act thereon

6th To see if the Town will vote that the Poll-tax of certain Soldiers be remitted for 1833

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, agreeably to the vote of the town — Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals this twenty seventh day of March in the year of our Lord 1834 —

Otis Adams
Sam[l] Burbank
Josiah Fleeting
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Return of the foregoing Warrant. —

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford March 28th 1834.
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town to meet and assemble at time and place and for purpose therein expressed, by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the publick Meeting-Houses and at the Tavern of Mr. Allister & Lapt. all in said Chelmsford, so that the same may stand two Sabaths at least previous to the time appointed for the Meeting — James Pitts, Constable of Chelmsford.

Town-Meeting, April 7th 1834 —

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs, held at the Center-Meeting House in said town, on Monday the 7th day of April 1834, at one of the Clock in the afternoon, they proceeded and voted as follows to wit —

Voted For a Moderator and chose Capt. Otis Adams.
Voted To excuse Edmund Swett from serving as Surveyor of Highways and chose William Tyler in his stead.
Voted To excuse Benjamin Chamberlin from serving as Town Treasurer and chose Abel Hunt in his stead —
Voted For a Pound Keeper and chose Otis Hayward
Voted To choose a Board of Health. and chose Otis Adams, Samuel Burbank, Isaiah Spalding, Charles Bent, John C. Bartlett, and Paul Kittridge
Voted To choose one more Constable
Voted For a Constable and chose Capt. Lovell Fletcher
Voted To choose a Committee to oppose the Petition of John Abbot and others, and chose Joel Adams, William Adams, Esq. and Capt. Otis Adams,

(Voted —

Voted

Town-Meeting. April 7th 1834, continued.
The Selectmen be directed to allow and order to each Highway District, the sum of five Dollars whenever such District shall provide a Road-Scraper, to be kept and used by the Highway Surveyor in such District on the Highways, and for no other purpose, which Scraper shall cost not less than ~~five~~ Dollars

Voted

That the Selectmen refund to the Saleleers of the Rifle-Company the Pool Tax paid by them for the year 1833

Voted

To dismiss Meeting

Attest Josh Adams, Town-Clerk

Billerica & Chelmsford Town Lines renewed

Town Lines renewed "Chelmsford & Billerica"

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Towns of Billerica and Chelmsford Hereby certify that we have perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between said towns, and found the six Stone Monuments standing as erected 1829. - Marshall Poiston } Selectmen
Oct. 20th 1834 — Sewall Stearns } of Billerica
Otis Adams } Selectmen
Samˡ. Barbank } of Chelmsford

Recorded by Josh Adams, Town Clerk

Lovell Fletcher was Sworn as Constable on the 26th day of February A. D. 1835

Before me Josh Adams Town Clerk

Warrant for Town-Meeting. Nov.r 10th 1834.

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(Seal)
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Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualefied by the Constitution to Vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the center Meting house in said town on Monday the tenth day of November next at twelve O'clock at noon, being the second Monday of said Month then and there to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for Governor, and Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Middlesex, on one Ballot for the year insuing ———

Also to bring in their votes to the selectmen, for a representative to the next congress of the United States for Congressional district No four.

Also to determine on and choose one or more persons to represent said Town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, and you are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the above named time and place, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz

1st To choose a moderator

2d To see if the Town will accept the list of persons selected to serve as Jurors by the Selectmen on May 1st A.D. 1834. and act thereon

3d To take into consideration the petition of Jonathan Hartwell and others, praying to the County Commissioners for a new highway or alterations from Littleton to Chelmsford, and act thereon.

4th To take into consideration the petition of Wm Byam and others for alterations in the Road between Littleton and Chelmsford and act thereon

5 To see what measures, if any, the Town will take in reference to any alterations in the Road leading from Dea Josiah Spaulding's to Middlesex village with a view of preventing the town from being indicted.

6th On the request of Zacheus Wright and others, to see if the Town will adopt measures, to prevent the establishment of a new highway in this town as prayed for by Jona Hartwell and others.

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7th At the request of the same individuals to see if the Town will re duce the Hills between Byams store and Chelmsford Meeting house so as to prevent the establishment of a new road ~~to come~~ the County Commissioners agree to the same, or make any repairs on said road

8th At the request of William Dane jr and others to see if the Town will discontinue a peice of ~~Highway~~, near the house of said Dane, upon Dane's making a road across a corner of his land in lieu thereof, on Dane's presenting a plan of said Roads to the town for inspection, or act thereon.

9th To hear the report of the committee chosen at a former Town meeting to settle the claim of Josiah Frow for damages by upsetting his waggon, and act thereon

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy of the same at each of the public Meeting Houses and one at the Tavern of McAllister and Taft, all in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand at least two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, at or before the time appointed for holding the aforesaid Meeting. Given under our hands and seals at said Chelmsford, this twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty four

Otis Adams
Sam[l] Burbank
Josiah Spaulding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Oct 31st 1834

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford to meet at time, place and for pur poses therein expressed, by posting attested copies of the same, at the places therein named "so that the same may stand, two sabbaths at least previous to the time appointed for holding such meeting

James Pitts } Constable of Chelmsford

Annual Town-Meeting Nov^{r} 10th A.D. 1834

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Mid. desex, qualified by law to Vote for Town officers and in Town-affairs, held at the Center Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the tenth day of November 1834 at twelve o'clock at noon, they proceeded and Voted as follows:

Voted For a Moderator by ballot and chose Capt Otis Adams.

Voted To accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen and that said List be recorded

Voted That the 3^{d} Article in the Warrant be deferred until the 4th Article is disposed of

Voted That the 4th Article in the Warrant be referred to a committee of three; to wit James Pitts, Willard Read and Jacl Adams, with instructions to oppose the Petition of Jonathan Hartwell and others, mentioned in the 3^{d} Article of the Warrant

Voted That the 5th Article in the Warrant be referred to a committee of three, to wit. Dea. Isaiah Spaulding, Samuel Davis Esq^{r} and James Pitts.

Voted To refer the 6th and 7th Articles in the Warrant to whom the 3^{d} and 4th Articles were referred —

Voted To discontinue a short piece of a Town Road or Highway in the Northeasterly part of the Town near the House of Wm Dana Jr. on condition that said Dana shall make a new piece of Road across the corner of his land in lieu thereof as the Selectmen shall direct

Voted To accept of the Settlement made by the Selectmen with Josiah Trow for the Damages, said Trow sustained by the overturning his Loaded Waggon on the Highway in this Town by reason of said Highway's being unsafe &c —.

Voted That the 3^{d} Article in the warrant be referred to the Com^{te} on the 4th Article —

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Governor Nov.r 10th. 1834 —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the tenth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, The whole number of Votes given in for Governor were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following Persons.

For Governor —

His Excellency John Davis, ninety nine	99
Marcus Morton, Sexty three	63
John Bailey, nineteen	19
Samuel C. Allen, Eight	8
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Eliz.r Adams
Sam.l Burbank
Isaiah Spaulding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Lieutenant Governor — Nov. 10. 1834 —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the tenth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth — The whole number Votes given in for Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration there of made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Lieutenant Governor —

His Honor. Samuel T. Armstrong,	hundred one
William W. Thompson.	Sixty one
George Odiorn	nineteen

Otis Adams
Saml. Burbank
Isaiah Spaulding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Senators &c. Nov. 10th 1834 —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the tenth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Hon. Daniel Shattuck	ninety Seven
" Elisha Cutler	ninety Eight
" Sidney Willard	ninety nine
" Nathaniel Austin	ninety nine
John P. Robinson, Esq.	ninety seven
" John Wade	Sixty two
" John Clark	Sixty three
Burrage Yale	Sixty three
Thomas A. Staples	Sixty two
Stephen Pope	Sixty three
William Austin	ten
Levi Farwell	ten
Jonathan Hartwell	ten
Oliver M. Whipple	ten
Eleazer Brooks	ten

Otis Adams,
Samˡ. Burbank,
Isaiah Spaulding } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Josh Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Repr. to Congress —— Nov. 10. 1834.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabetiants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the tenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for District, Number four — The whole number of Votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed — and were for the following persons, : —

For Hon

" Samuel Hoar Eighty four votes
" James Russell Fifty nine "
" Harman Lincoln Twenty nine "
" Reuser Wyman one "

Otis Adams
Jam[s] Burbank } Selectmen
Isaiah Spaulding } of
Chelmsford

Attest — Jacl Adams Town Clerk

Jurors, List of. Accepted Nov. 10. 1834

The following persons have been duly selected by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors, and the same are reported to the Town in Town Meeting Nov.r 10. 1834, and the list of the name having read, it is thereupon voted that the same be approved and accepted by the Town to wit:

Ebenezer Cowdrey
Charles Blood
Charles Bent
Amos Byam
William Fletcher Jr.
Oliver Pierce
Amos Whitney Jr.
Solomon Adams
Sprake Livingston
Jael B. Wright
Alpheus Spaulding
Ephraim Adams
Joseph Warren Jr.
Francis Richardson
Israel Putnam
William Parker
Edmund Swett
Silas Tyler
Rob. B. Chamberlin
Eldridge Joslyn
Benj.a Blood
Noah Spaulding
Caleb Abbott
Eli F. Webster
George Richardson
Joseph Manning
Ephraim Warren
Daniel Parker

Shubael Spaulding
Solomon Parkhurst
Daniel Proctor
James Robbins
Azariah Proctor
Oliver Fletchers.

Ebenezer Cowdrey Nov. 10. 1834
Eli F. Webster
Francis Richardson
Israel Putnam
Jael B. Wright
Ephraim Adams
Alpheus Spaulding
Francis Richardson
Israel Putnam
Jael B. Wright

Warrant for Town-Meeting, Dec. 15th A.D. 1834.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the constitution to vote in elections to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting house in s^d Town on Monday the fifteenth of December instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes to the Selectmen for Representative to the Congress of the United States for Congressional district No 4. Also to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the above specified time and place, then and there to act on the following articles viz:

1st To choose a moderator

2d To hear and consider the Reports of any Committees that may have been chosen at any former meeting and act thereon

3d To see if the town will give any instructions to the Committee chosen with respect to the road near Josiah Richardsons.

4th To see if the Town will accept of a piece of new road laid out by the selectmen near the house of William Dane Jr and act thereon. And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the house of Mr Allister and Taft, all in s^d Chelmsford so that the same may stand two sabbaths at least before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at or before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals this first Day December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four

Recorded by Josiah Adams Town Clerk

Otis Adams
Sam^l Burbank
Isaiah Spaulding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford Dec 6 1834

Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned the the Inhabitants of said Town to meet and assemble at time place and for purposes therein expressed by posting up att.

tested copies of the same at the places therein directed "So that the same may stand two Sabbaths at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting

James Pitts } Constable of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Votes for Representative to Congress 15 Dec 1834

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the fifteenth day of December, being the third Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for District, Number four. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed — and were for the following persons.

Hon. Samuel Hoar.	Fifty two Votes	52
James Russell, Esq.	Twenty three ..	23
Hernan Lincoln, Esq.	Five ..	5

Otis Adams
Samuel Burbank } Selectmen of
Isaiah Spaulding } Chelmsford

Attest Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Town Meeting. Dec. 15th A. D. 1834

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs held at the Center Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of December 1834. at one o'clock in the afternoon, they proceeded and Voted as follows, to wit —

Voted For a Moderator by Ballot and chose Capt. Otis Adams,

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to attend the County Commissioners on the Petitions of Jon.a Hartwell and others, and William Byam and others praying for Roads &c in this Town

Voted To dismiss the Committee appointed on the fifth article in the Warrant for a Town Meting on the 10th day of November last, relating to alterations in the road leading from Deac. Isaiah Spaldings to Middlesex Village

Voted To accept the Report of the Selectmen laying out a short piece of Highway near the house of Wm Dane Jr.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Highway laid out Nov. 13. 1834 -

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford have this day laid out for the use of said Town a Town-way as follows, viz: — Beginning at a Stake and Stones by the corner bound between Land of Williams and Jonathan Parker East of the House of said S. Dane and running a Northerly course old Road, and land of said Dane thirteen rods to a Stake and Stones; thence taking a more Westerly direction and running on said Danes land five rods to the Road leading from Middlesex Village to George Worcester — the same to be two rods wide & to lie on the easterly side of said course — and said Dane agrees to give his land and to make the Road in consideration of the discontinuance by the Town, of the old Road leading from the Road from Middlesex Village to George Worcesters passing on the South side of S. Danes House to Henry Coburns — the same when accepted and recorded by the Town, is to be considered as a public Townway — Dated at Chelmsford this 13th. day of November A. D. 1834 —

Otis Adams
Sam.l Burbank } Majority of the Selectmen of Chelmsford

In Town Meeting Dec. 15. 1834 —
Voted to accept of the above Report of the Selectmen, and that the same be recorded — and the same was recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk —

Warrant for Town-Meeting, March 2d. A.D. 1835

Middlesex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs, to assemble and meet at the Center Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following Articles viz:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To make choice of all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3d To raise money for the support of Schools; the Poor; Roads; and all other Town Charges.

4th To determine the manner of repairing the Roads and Bridges in said Town the year ensuing —

5th To direct in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept and the money divided among the several School Districts the year ensuing —

6th To choose Overseers of the Work house for the ensuing year.

7th To hear the Reports of any Committees that may have been chosen at any former Meeting, and act thereon.

8th To choose a Committee to make the next annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

9th To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer —

10th To see if the Town will take measures to have such of the inhabitants, as have not been Vaccinated, inoculated with the Kine Pox, and raise such a sum of money as may be necessary therefor.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each of the publick meeting houses and at the house of Mr. Allester Underhill, so that the same may stand at least two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the Meeting aforesaid —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for holding the aforesaid Meeting.

Warrant for Town Meeting - March 2d 1835 - cont'd

Given under our hands and seals this Sixteenth day of February in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Otis Adams, Selectmen
Isaiah Spaulding, Selectmen
Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Service of said Warrant. viz

"Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Feby. 20th 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town to assemble at time, place, and for purposes therein expressed, by posting attested copies of the same, at the places therein named, so that the same may stand two Sabbaths at least previous to the time appointed for holding the Meeting aforesaid.

James Potts, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts"
Middlesex ss. Chelmsford March 2d. A. D. 1835 -

Then Joel Adams of Chelmsford personally appeared and took the oath by law required to qualify him for the office of Town Clerk for the ensuing year

Before me Ebn. Adams. Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Annual Town-Meeting Monday March 2d A.D. 1835-

Town of Chelmsford Monday March 2d 1835—

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote for Town-Officers, and in Town affairs, held at the Center-Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of March A.D. 1835. at nine of the clock in the forenoon, being the annual Town Meeting, they proceeded and voted as follows, to wit —

Voted — To a Moderator and chose Capt. Eli Adams, after which prayers were offered by Rev Dr. Packard

Voted — For a Town-Clerk and chose Joel Adams, who declined serving, but was afterward sworn in open Town Meeting by Eben. Adams Esq. just. Peace.

Voted — To choose three Selectmen —

Voted — For a Chairman of the Selectmen, and chose Alpheus Spaulding, Esq. who declined serving and was excused —

Voted — again for Chairman of the Selectmen and chose Eli F. Webster —

Voted — For the second Selectman and there was no Choice —

Voted — again for the second Selectman and chose George Worcester

Voted — For 3. Selectman and chose Capt. Benjamin Adams, who declined serving &c —

Voted — To adjourn this Meeting for thirty minutes — after which Met according to adjournment. and

Voted — For a 3. Selectman and chose Josiah Parker, who declined serving &c.

Voted — three times more for a 3. Selectman, and on the third Ballot Capt. Asa Hodgman 3. was chosen, but he also declined serving &c.

Voted — the sixth time for a 3. Selectman and chose Amos Carlton, who declined serving.

Voted — the 7th time for a 3. Selectman and chose Mr. Francis Richardson, and he agreed to serve the Town.

Voted — For a Town Treasurer and chose Abel Hunt.

Voted — To choose three Overseers of the Poor on one Ballot —

Annual Town Meeting March 2. 1835 — con'd.

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor on one Ballot, and chose Ephraim Adams, Francis Richardson and Ephraim Warren —

Voted To choose three Overseers of the work house and chose Ephraim Adams. Francis Richardson & E. Warren.

Voted To choose a School-Committee to consist of three

Voted For said School-Committee and chose Jael Adams, Capt. Otis Adams, and St. Charles Blood —

Voted To choose two Constables and chose James Pitts, and Joseph Heywood, and said Heywood declined serving —

Voted For a Constable and chose John H. Young —

Voted To choose a Pound-Keeper

Voted For said Pound-Keeper and Stephen Peirce was chosen —

Voted To take up the 9th Article in the Warrant

Voted For a County Treasurer and the Votes were

For Hon. John Keyes, twenty nine Votes 29

For Amos Farnsworth forty five Votes 45

Voted To choose three Field-Drivers, and chose Nathaniel Carter, Benj: F. Olcar & John Crosby.

Voted To choose three Fence Viewers and chose Charles Adam, Jephthah Parker & George Richardson

Voted To choose ten Surveyors of Highways and chose Bryant Emerson; Josiah Richardson: Solomon Parkhurst. William Parker: David Carlton; Asa Stevens. Ephraim Warren: Benj: Blood, Joseph Manning: and Ezekiel Byam —

Voted To choose Six Surveyors of Lumber, and chose Harvey Bryant: Eli F. Webster. Edmund Swift: Thomas Marshall: Nathan Buttrick and Samuel P. Hadley —

Voted To choose Eleven Measurers of Wood and chose Jonas R Proctor: Harvey Bryant: Noah Spaulding; Asa Hodgman 3.: Charles Adams: Samuel P. Hadley: Rufus Emerson: Sprake Livingstone:

Carter Dunn: Joseph Reed and Hezekiah Parkhurst.

Voted To choose five Weighers of Hay, and chose Richard Taft: Jonathan M. Reed: Jesse Smith: Horatio Nelson and Joseph Reed —

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime and chose Amos Carlton and Artemas Parker.

Voted To choose a Board of Health to consist of five; and chose Eli F. Webster, George Worcester, Francis Richardson; D. Sand Kittridge and Dr. John C. Bartlet —

Voted To accept the Report of the committee, who made the annual Settlement with the Town-Treasurer —

Voted To accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor —

Voted and granted the sum of one thousand dollars for the support of the District Schools in this Town for the ensuing year —

Voted That the School Money be apportioned among the several School Districts in the same manner, it was done the last year —

Voted and granted the sum of nine hundred dollars for the Repairs of the Roads and Bridges in this Town the ensuing year.

Voted and granted the sum of two hundred Dollars for the support of the Town's Poor the ensuing year —

Voted and granted the sum of Seventeen Hundred dollars to defray the necessary charges and expenses of the Town; and for the payment of the Town's Debts —

Voted That the Collection of the Taxes for the ensuing year be offered to the lowest bidder on the following terms, to wit: The Collector to receive nothing for collecting what shall remain uncollected on the last day of February next; and that he shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on the first day of May 1836; and give Bonds to satisfaction of the Selectmen — The Collection was then put up and struck to Jeduthah Parker, at one cent and nine mills on the Dollar

Voted For a Collector of Taxes and chose Jeduthah Parker by Ballot —

Annual Town Meeting. March 2d 1835 — adjo.

Voted That the Roads and Bridges be repaired in the same way and manner they were repaired the last year —

Voted To choose a Committee to make the next annual Settlement with the Town-Treasurer; and chose Jack Adams, James Pitts and Eben Adams —

Voted To refer the 10th Article of the Warrant to a Committee, to report to the Town at their next Town-Meeting —

Voted That the Selectmen constitute said Committee,

Voted That the sum of Ten Dollars be appriated to the purchase of School-Books for such poor Children, as in the Opinion of the School-Committee, are suitably provided with Books for attending the Town-Schools, and whose Parents &c. are not able to provide them —

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest Jack Adams. Town-Clerk

Middlesex ss. March 2. 1835 — Then Jack Adams of Chelmsford personally appeared and took the by law required to qualify him for the office of Town Clerk Before me. Eben. Adams. Just Peace

Recorded by Jack Adams, Town Clerk.

1835 - Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

The Subscribers a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer, have attended to that duty and submit the following Report - to wit:

The Treasurer charges himself with the Balance due the Town from Mr. Benjamin Chamberlin late Treasurer, on the last annual Settlement, amounting to the sum of $456.52

With Cash received of Mr Joseph Heywood Collector for 1832 189.00

of Mr Nathan Parker, Col. for 1833 84.00

and of Erskine Byam. Col. for 1834 2565.36

Cash refunded by the Selectmen 10.00

Cash collected of Luther Marshall 31.00

Amounting to the sum of $3335.88

and is credited by Cash paid on Sundry Town Orders drawn by the Selectmen, amounting to the sum of $2464.60

leaving a Balance of $871.28

due from the Treasurer to the Town

All which is respectfully submitted

For Jack Adams
Asa Hodgman 3 } Committee
James Pitts

Chamsford Feby. 28th. 1835

Assisted to, Abel Hunt

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town Clerk

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Dr — Support of the Poor from March 3d 1834 to March 2

Cash paid postage & stamps on all for 1833	97.61
" " Eleil Putnam for one month	12 —
" " for sundry articles of provisions, clothing farming tools, Stock, and other necessaries for the use of the work house and farm	238.85
Cash paid for doctoring the Poor	23.50
" " Henry Montague as Superintendant for one year ending April 1. 1835	200 —
" " Taxes on said Farm	17.09
" " Overseers Services	30 —
amounting in all to	$618.47

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Cash rec'd of Town of Dunstable	80 —
" " for a Horse sold	55 —
" " for Proceeds of the farm	308.76
" " of the Town an order	200 —
Amounting in all to	643.76
Leaving a balance of Cash on hand	25.33
There are grain, provisions and necessaries in hand more than we commenced with amounting to	64.36
The farm was in debt more than it now is	20.51
amounting to	110.20

All which is respectfully submitted

Ephraim Adams
Francis Richardson
Ephraim Warren
} Overseers of the Poor

Chelmsford
March 2. 1835

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk

Town Officers for 1835. Sworn. 135

Town of Chelmsford. Monday March 2. 1835

The following named persons were on the above said day in legal Town Meeting chosen into the several offices, set against their respective names, and have appeared before the Subscriber. Town Clerk of said Town, and taken the oath by Law required to qualify them for the offices into which they are respectively chosen, as follows.

Names	Office	Time of taking oath
Eli F. Webster George Worcester Francis Richardson	Selectmen	March 9th
Eli F. Webster George Worcester Francis Richardson	Assessors	March 9th
James Pitts	Constable	March 17th
John H. Young	Constable	
Asa Stevens	Surveyor of Highways	" 9th
David Carlton	Do " Do	" 9th
Benj: Blood.	do " do	April 6th.
Bryant Emerson	do " do	" "
James Pitts.	do " do	" "
Harvey Bryant	Measurers of wood	March 9th
Harvey Bryant	Weigher of Hay	" "
Nathaniel Carter	Field Driver	" "
Benj: S. Oben	Field Driver	" "
John Crosby	Field Driver	" "
Jesse Smith	Weigher of Hay	" "
Horatio Nelson	Do	May 11th
Samuel P. Hadley	Measurer of wood	
Samuel P. Hadley	Surveyor of Lumber	Dec 22. 1834

Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, April 6th 1835.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Charlestown in said County Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Charlestown qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the center of said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles,

1st To choose a Moderator

2d. To fill all vacant Town Offices.

3d. To hear the Reports of any Committee which may be offered, and act thereon.

4th To take into consideration the several petition of Jonathan Hartwell and others — John Farwell & others and Jacob Osgood and others, severally praying for roads in this Town

5th To see if the Town will make any provision to cause the Inhabitants of said Town to be vaccinated with the Kine Pox, and also to grant money for that purpose.

6th To see if the Town will take Measures to cause the Altitude of the Hills to be reduced on the new road leading from Jacl Adams. Esqr. to Byam's Store (so called)

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, one at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town, and one at the tavern of Mr. Allister and Safft, so that the same may stand at least over two Sabaths prevcous to the time of holding said Meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrand and your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said Meeting —

Given under our hands and seals this Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four

E. F. Webster
George Worcester
Fr. Richardson
} Selectmen of Charlestown

Recorded by Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

Service of the foregoing Warrant —

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford March 24. 1835.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford to meet at time, place and for purposes therein expressed, by posting up Copies thereof by me attested, at the places therein denoted, so that the same may stand two Sabaths at least previous to the time appointed for holding the Meeting aforesaid

James Pitt. Constable of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Town-Meeting April 6. 1835.

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Cholmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified by law to vote for Town-Officers, and in Town affairs, held at the Center Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April A. D. 1835.

The Meeting was called to order by the Town-Clerk and the Town Voted as follows. to wit

Voted For a Moderator of the Meeting and chose Capt Otis Adams.

Voted to excuse Josiah Richardson from serving in the Office of Surveyor of Highways. and chose James Pitts in his Stead

Voted To choose three more Field-Drivers and chose John Parker, William Lane Jr and Benjamin Blood Jr.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to oppose the Petition of Jonathan Hartwell and others for a new road in this Town.

Voted That said Committee be chosen by ballot on one Ticket

Voted For said Committee and chose Jacl Adams Capt. Otis Adams, and William Adams, Esq.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to oppose the Petition of John Farwell and others for a road in this Town, and that said Committee be chosen by ballot on one Ticket.

Voted For said Committee and chose Jacl Adams Capt. Otis Adams and Wm. Adams, Esq.

Voted To choose Committee to oppose the Petition of Jacob Osgood and others for a road &c.

Voted That said Committee consist of one

Voted For said Committee and chose Jacl Adams,

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to contract for the Vaccination of all persons belonging to this Town, provided the same can be done at a sum not exceeding one hundred Dollars —

Voted and granted one hundred Dollars for expenses of Vaccination as above stated —

Voted To defer the sixth Article in the Warrant to the next Town Meeting —

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest. Joel Adams. Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting. May 4th. 1835.

Middlesex ss. To either Constable of the Town of Chelmsford Greeting.

Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Seal you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town
Seal of Chelmsford qualified according to the Constitution to Vote in Elections, to meet at the Meeting-House in the Centre of the Town on Monday the fourth day of May next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for County Commissioner for Middlesex County in said State: And you are also requested to notify the Inhabitants, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the same time and place to act on the following Articles, to wit —

1. To choose a Moderator

2 To see if the Town will take Measures to cause the hills to be reduced on the new road leading from Joel Adams, Esq. to Byam's Store, (so called) refused at the last Town Meeting —

3 To see if the Town will take any measures to cause the road leading from Lowell, through Middlesex Village to Tyngsboro' to be re-paired, and the Bridges on said road —

4 At the request of Daniel Perham and others to see if the Town will accept a new Highway laid out, leading from Daniel Perhams through land of the widow and heirs of Jonathan Perham, Esq. to Westford Road.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies of this Warrant at such public places as have been heretofore specified by a Vote of said Town —

Warrant for Town Meeting May 4th 1835.

Hereof fail not; and of this Warrant and your doings thereon make due return to ourselves at the time and place of said Meeting —

Given under our hands and seal, this 23d day of April 1835 —

E.F. Webster
George Worcester
Francis Richardson
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by — Joel Adams. Town Clerk —

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford May 24th 1835 —

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted up attested Copies thereof at the following places within the Town of Chelmsford, Viz. one at each of the public Meeting Houses and one at the Tavern of Mr. Hosier and Taft, so that the same may stand two Sabaths at least previous to the time appointed for the Meeting therein mentioned, being according to the vote of the Town of Chelmsford, and the Inhabitants of said Town are accordingly notified to meet, at time place, and for purposes expressed in the within Warrant

by James Potts, Constable of Chelmsford

Returned by Joel Adams. Town Clerk —

In Town Meeting on the 4th day of May. 1835 — at the Center Meeting House in Chelmsford

Voted For a Moderator and chose James Potts —

Voted To dismiss the 2d. Article in the Warrant.

Voted That the Selectmen make the necessary Repairs on the Road leading from Lowell through Middlesex to Tyngsboro

Voted To refer the 4th Article in the Warrant to the next Town-Meeting

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Pursuant to a Law of this Commonwealth, the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified to Vote for Representatives in the General Court, having been duly convened in Town-Meeting on Monday the fourth day of May 1835, being the first Monday in said Month for the purpose of giving in their Votes for three County Commissioners, and two Special Commissioners, for the County of Middlesex, then and there gave in their Votes in manner by law required, and said Votes were sorted, counted and recorded; and public declaration thereof made in open Town-Meeting as the law directs, and were for the following persons, viz – For County Commissioners –

For Caleb Butler of Groton	Thirty Three	votes
" Abner Wheeler of Framingham	Thirty four	"
" David Townsend of Waltham	Thirty one	"
" John Wade of Woburn	Twenty four	"
" Stephen Pope of Marlboro	Twenty Three	"
" Joshua Prescott of Reading	Twenty three	
" James Hayward	three	
" Samuel Chandler	one	
Luke Forke	one	
William Livingston	one	

For Special Commissioners

Edmund Parker of Reading	thirty four	
Augustus Tower of Stow	thirty two	
William Livingstone	twenty two	
Timothy Prescott	twenty two	
Nath[l] Austin	one	

Dated at Chelmsford this fourth day of May A.D. 1835

E. F. Webster
George Worcester
Fr. Richardson
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams Town Clerk

Recorded by Joel Adams T. C.

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Warrant for Town Meeting June 1. 1835

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford

Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants qualified to Vote in Elections of Representatives in General Court, to meet at the Meeting-House in the center of the town aforesaid on Monday the first day of June next at 3 O'clock P. M. to give in their written Votes on one Ticket for two County Commissioners, being inhabitants of different Towns in said County, and also for one Special Commissioner —

Hereof fail not, and of this Warrant and your doings thereon make due return to ourselves at the time and place of holding said Meeting in the manner as is by law required. Given under our hands and Seals this nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Thirty five.

E. F. Webster
Geo. Worcester
Francis Richardson
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Josh Adams. Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford May 22. 1835 —

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford qualified to Vote in the Elections of Representatives to meet at the Meeting-House in the center of said town by posting up Copies thereof by me attested at the Public Meeting House and at the Tavern of Mr. Allaster & Taft in said Town, so that the same may stand two Labatts at least previous to time appointed for holding the Meeting aforesaid — James Petts. Constable

Recorded by Josh Adams. Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chamsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on Monday the first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four for the purpose of giving in their written votes on one Ticket for two County Commissioners, being inhabitants of different Towns in said County; and also for one Special Commissioner — Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof, made in open Town Meeting as is by law required, to wit

For County Commissioners

For Daniel Townsend of Waltham fifteen Votes
" Abner Wheeler of Framingham fifteen Votes
" John Wade of Woburn five votes
" Stephen Pope of Marlboro five Votes

For Special Commissioner

For Edmund Parker of Reading five votes
" William Leverett of Lowell five votes

Eli F. Webster
Geo. Worcester
Francis Richardson
} Selectmen of Lowell

Attest Jael Adams. Town Clerk

Recorded by Jael Adams, T. C.

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Warrant for Town Meeting August 17th 1835

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford — Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify in due form all the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the center of said Chelmsford on Monday the seventeenth day of August, inst. at two O' clock P. M. to act on the following Articles, to wit:

1. To choose a Moderator.

2 To take into consideration, the Petition of Samuel Davis and others; and Jonathan Bartlett and others, severally praying for Roads in this Town, and act thereon,

3 "to see what measures the Town will take in regard to the road, leading from Jas Adams Esq^r by Rufus Emerson's store to Carlisle line, said Road being ordered by the Grand Jury —

Hereof fail not, and d this Warrant and your doings thereon make due return to the Town-Clerk at the time and place of holding said Meeting —

Given under our hands and Seals this fourth day of August A. D. one thousand Eight hundred and thirty five

E. F. Webster
George Worcester
Francis Richardson
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by — Jas. Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, August 9. 1835 —

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town to meet as above directed by posting Copies thereof, by me attested, at the several Meeting Houses, and one at the Tavern of M^r Allister and Taft, all in said Chelmsford, so that the same may stand two Days at least, previous to the aforesaid Meeting.

James Pitts, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by — Jas. Adams, Town Clerk

Town-Meeting. August 17th. 1835 —

At a legal Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified by law to vote in Town-affairs, held at the Center Meeting House in said Town, on Monday the Seventeenth day of August A.D. 1835. at two of the clock in the afternoon —

The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk and the following Votes were passed, to wit —

Voted For a Moderator and chose James Pitts.

Voted To choose a Committee to oppose the Petitions of Samuel Davis and others, and of Jonathan Harwell and others

Voted That said Committee consist of three and that they be chosen by Ballot —

Voted For said Committee and chose Joel Adams, James Pitts, and Zaccheus Wright —

Voted That the Town lay out the sum of four hundred Dollars to repair the Road from the House of Joel Adams, by Ruby Emerson's Store, and the House of Oliver Fletchers to Carlisle line —

Voted To choose a Committee to superintend said Repairs, and expend the aforesaid sum of four hundred Dollars on said Road —

Voted That said Committee consist of three, and that they be chosen by Ballot —

Voted For said Committee and chose Benjamin Chamberlain, Joel B. Wright and Bryant Emerson —

Voted That Joel Adams be a Committee to attend to the Indictment against this Town, and that he cause the same to be settled &c — —

Voted That said Committee proceed to repair said Road forthwith and compleate the repairs as soon as possible

Voted That the Selectmen be directed to give their Order on the Town Treasurer for the amount of said Repairs when the same are completed — and that the Constable notify said Committee of their appointment

Voted To dismiss the Meeting.

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Town Meeting, Nov.r 9th. 1835.

At a legal Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified by law to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, holden at the Center Meeting house in said Chelmsford, on Monday the ninth day of November A.D. 1835. They proceeded and voted as follows,

Voted For a Moderator and chose Eli F. Webster.

Voted That the Town consent that the County Commissioners may lay and the road from Josiah Richardsons across out to the Top of the Hill near the land of Mr. Jesse Smith, at the old road

Voted To send two Representatives to the next General Court.

Voted For two Representatives and the votes were for Alpheus Spaulding Esqr. one hundred & twenty

Amos Whitney Esqr. Seventy

Capt. Shearjash Spaulding fifty two.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting.

Attest Jael Adams. Town Clerk.

This being an omission in the above record, the mistake is corrected in Page 210 Attest Jael Adams. Town Clerk.

Officers Return on the Warrant for the above meeting. (for Warrant see Page 211)

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford October 24. 1835.

Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of Chelmsford as within required to meet at the Center Meeting house in said Chelmsford at the time therein named by posting up Copies thereof by me attested at each of the public Meeting-houses and at the Tavern of Mr. Allister & Taft all in said Chelmsford, so that the same may stand two Sabaths at least previous to the time of holding said Meeting. James Pitts, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jael Adams. Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenat Governor, holden on the ninth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth — The whole number of Votes given in for Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Governor —

Hon. Edward Everett Seventy four
" Marcus Morton Sixty two
" Samuel T. Armstrong one

E. F. Webster
George Worcester } Selectmen
Francis Richardson } of
Chelmsford

attest Jacl Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Lieut. Governor, A. D. 1835

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelsea, and in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the ninth day of November being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in for Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons.

For Lieut. Governor.

Hon. George Hull Sixty two
" William Foster Seventy five

E. F. Webster
George Worcester
Francis Richardson
Selectmen of Chelsea

Attest Jacob Adams Town Clerk

Votes for Senators and Counsellors for 1835.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabetants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden on the ninth day of November, being the second monday of said month, in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex — The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following Persons —

Hon. Nathaniel Austin	Sixty one
" Sidney Willard	Sixty one
" Oliver M. Whipple	Fifty four
Samuel Chandler	Fifty Eight
Rufus Hosmer	twenty nine
Joseph Butterfield	twenty
Timothy Butterfield	one
William Parmenter	Seventy five
Leonard M. Parker	Seventy four
William Livingston	Seventy four
Stephen Pope	Seventy five
Reuben Bacon	Seventy five

E. F. Webster
George Worcester
Francis Richardson
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

Town Meeting, November 9th. 1835 —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Billerica and in the County of Middlesex qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, holden at the Centre Meeting House in said Town on Monday the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty five —

The Town Clerk called the Meeting to order and collected the Votes for a Moderator of the Meeting, and the Town made choice of E. J. Webster for Moderator —

Voted That the Town consent that the County Commissioners may lay out the road from Josiah Richardsons across out to near the top of the hill near Jesse Smiths land at the old road —

Voted That the Town will make choice of two Representatives to the next General Court

Voted For two Representatives and the votes were for Alpheus Spaulding Esqr —
one hundred and twenty votes
for Amos Whitney Esqr — Seventy votes
for Sherebiah Spaulding Fifty two

Voted To choose a Committee to communicate the Vote of the Town in relation to the road to the County Commissioners —

Voted and chose Jesse Smith said Com^te

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov^r 9. 1835 211

Seal Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of
Seal Chelmsford, Greeting
Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required, legally to notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Meeting house in the Center of said Town on Monday the ninth day of November next at one O'clock P.M. being the second Monday of said Month. To bring in their Votes for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, And for five Senators on one ballot for the County of Middlesex.
And also at the same time and place
1st To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose for the present year.
2d To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are likewise required to notify all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the same time and place to act on the following Articles to wit 1st To choose a Moderator
2 To take into consideration the notice of the County Commissioners in regard to certain alterations and points of new Highway from where the house of Alpheus Spaulding lately stood to the Shop occupied by Robert Spaulding in Middlesex Village. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon unto ourselves at the time of said Meeting. Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day of October A.D. 1835

Eli F. Webster
George Worcester
Francis Richardson
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

(Return recorded in Page 206)

Warrant for Town Meeting March 7th 1836

Essex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the center of said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles to wit)

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

3d To hear the report of the selectmen, on the expenses of the town the past year — also the report of the committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, and any other committees which may have been appointed, and act thereon

4th To see in what way and manner the schools shall be kept the ensuing year

5th To grant money for the support of schools the ensuing year

6th To grant money for discharging Town charges and the support of the Poor the ensuing year

7th To determine the manner of repairing the highways Townways and Bridges the ensuing year

8th To grant money for defraying the expenses of repairing the highways Townways and Bridges the ensuing year

9th To see if the Town will take measures to procure a Burying Ground in the north part of the Town

10th To Bring in their votes for county Treasurer

11th To Bring in their votes for a Registar of Deeds

Hereof fail not and of this warrant and your doings thereon make due return to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of Feby A.D. 1836

E F Webster } Selectmen
George Worcester } of
Francis Richardson } Chelmsford

Recorded by E F Webster Town Clerk

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Copies Pitts on the foregoing Warrant

Middlesex ss — Town of Chelmsford Feby 27th 1836

In Obedience to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford to meet at the Time Place, and for the purposes therein expressed by posting Copies of the same by me attested at each of the Publick Meeting Houses, and at the Tavern of Mr Allister & Taft all in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand over "two sabbaths at least" previous to the time of holding said Meeting —

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by E.F. Webster Town Clk

Annual Town Meeting March 7th 1836

Town of Chelmsford Monday March 7th 1836

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs held at the Center Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 7th day of March A.D. 1836 at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, being the annual Town Meeting they proceeded and Voted as follows to wit

Voted For a Moderator and chose James Pitts

Voted For a Town Clerk and Chose Eli F. Webster who was Sworn in Open Town Meeting by Joel Adams Esqr. Justice Peace

Voted To Choose three Selectmen

Voted and chose Mathews Spalding Esq. Chairman of Selectmen

Voted For 2d Selectman and Chose Benjamin Chamberlain

Voted For 3d Selectman and Chose Edmund Swett

Voted For a Town Treasurer and Chose Abel Hunt

Voted That the Meeting be adjourned for thirty minutes

Met according to adjournment and

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor on one Ballott and Chose Capt Shecbiah Spalding — Capt Asa Hodgman and Jonathan Parker 3d

Voted For three Overseers of the workhouse and Chose Capt Shecbiah Spalding — Capt Asa Hodgman and Jona Parker 3d

Annual Town Meeting March 7th 1836 continued

Voted To Choose a School Committee to consist of Three — Chose Joel Adams Esqr. — Capt Otis Adams and Charles Blood — Charles Blood having declined serving

Voted For one Chose E F Webster one of said School Committee

Voted To Choose Two Constables — Chose by Ballott James Pitts and Joseph Heywood —

Voted To Chose another Constable for the north Part of the Town — Chose John H Young who declined — Chose Otis Adams who Declined

Voted To Reconsider the Vote to Choose an additional Constable

Voted To Choose Three Fish Wardens — Chose Capt Sherbiah Spalding Capt Asa Hodgman and Jonth Parker 3d —

Voted For Pound Keeper — Chose Stephen Pierce —

Voted To Chose Five field Drivers — Chose Capt Solomon Adams who declined — Chose Charles Richardson Declined — Chose Amos Bryant — William Fitch Jr and Francis Metcalf said Field Drivers —

Voted To Chose three Fence viewers — Chose Samuel F Coats Willard Reed and Joseph Heyward —

Voted To Choose Ten Surveyors of Highways — Chose Capt William Fitch Capt John Butterfield — Thorida Dutton William Parker — Thomas Marshall, John Farren — Isaac Crooker — Robert B Chamberlain — Benjamin Chamberlain and Joel B Bright —

Voted To Chose Six Surveyors of Lumber — Chose Isaac Crooker Thos Marshall — Edmund Swett — Benjn Tilton Henry Bryant and Samuel P Hadley —

Voted To Choose Eleven Measurers of Wood — Chose Eben Adams — Samuel P Hadley — Isaac Spalding Capt Otis Adams — Charles Adams — Isaiah Spalding Daniel Proctor — Henry Bryant — Richard Capt Isaac Livingston and Hezekiah Parkhurst

Voted To Choose two Inspectors of Lime — Chose Artemas Parker and Amos Carlton —

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Voted To Choose a Board of Health to Consist of five — Chose Alphus Spalding Esqr Benjn Chamberlain Edmund Swett Dea Paul Kittridge and Doct John C Bartlett —

Annual Town Meeting March 7th 1836 Cont.d

Voted To hear the Report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Town Treasurer

Voted To accept the Report of the Selectmen

Voted To accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted That the Choice of Assessors and the School money divided in the same manner as Last year

Voted That One Thousand dollars be appraised for the Support of Schools ——— Schools $1000.00

Voted That One Thousand Eight Hundred dollars be Assessed for Defraying Town Charges & paying the Debts of the Town ——— Town Charges $1800.00

Voted That One Hundred and fifty Dollars be Assessed for the Support of the Poor ——— Poor $150.00

Voted That the Highways Town ways & Bridges be repaired in the same manner as Last year

Voted That Nine Hundred Dollars be Assessed for Repairing the Highways &c — Highways $900.00

Voted To Choose a Committee of Three to take into Consideration the subject of Procuring a Burial Place in the north part of the Town and Report at the next Town Meeting ——— Chose Benjn Blood — William Parker and Charles Blood said Committee

Voted For a County Treasurer and the Votes were

For Timothy Prescott Fifty two	52.
For John Keyes Thirty	30
For Nathaniel Austin Fourteen	14

Voted For a Register of Deeds and the votes were

For William F Stone Forty two	42

Voted To Chose Five weighers of Hay ——— And chose — Richard Taft Henry Bryant, Joseph Reed May Joseph Manning and Horatio Nelson

Voted To Choose a Committee to appraise the Furniture and all other Property Belonging to the work House and Poor Farm and Report thereon to the next annual Town Meeting — said Committee to consist of three

Annual Town Meeting, March 7th 1836 Entitled
Thos Daniel Parker. Daniel Proctor and Geo
Richardson. said Committee of Appraisal. ——
Voted That the collection of the Taxes for the ensuing year be offered
to the lowest bidder on the same Terms as last year.
Struck off to Isaac Crocker for one cent & nine mills
on the Dollar (See Page 191 for Terms)
Voted For a Collector of Taxes by Ballot and chose Isaac Crocker
Voted To Dismiss the Meeting

James Pitts Moderator
E F Webster Clerk

Recorded by E F Webster Town Clk

Clerks Oath

Middlesex ss. March 7th 1836 Then Eli F Webster
Personally appeared and took the oath by law
Required & qualify him for the office of Town Clerk
of the Town of Chelmsford
Before me Joel Adams Justice of the Peace
Recorded by E F Webster T Clk

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

The Subscribers a Committee to make the
Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer
have attended & that duty and Submit the
following Report to wit
The Treasurer charges himself with the balance
due the Town at the last annual Settlement $ 671.21
With cash Received of the Treasurer on
account of the Militia —— 75.00
Cash Received of Tax & Taxes sued on a
Loan office Certificate —— 40.05
Cash Received of the County Treasurer for
Building Road near John Carlons 1.80
Cash Received of Jephthah Parker Collector
for the year 1835 —— 309.78
Cash Received of Ezekiel Byam Collector
for 1834 —— 133.00
Cash Received of Jephthah Parker Collector for 1833 —— 20.44
Amounting in the whole to $ 1437.88

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer 1835 continued

Amount Brot over ---- $ 437.88

And is allowed for Cash paid out on sundry Town and School Orders Drawn by the Selectmen, Amounting in all to the sum of Three Thousand Six hundred and Sixty five dollars and Eighty Eight cents ——— $ 3665.88

Leaving a Balance due the Town of ——— $ 76.09

All which is Respectfully submitted

By Joel Adams
Otis Adams
James Pitts
} Committee

Chelmsford March 5th 1836

Your Committee further report agreable to the Vote of the Town, that the following sums are now due and owing from the Town (to wit)

On Treasury Notes	$ 696.28
Due Sundry Town Orders	215.14
Interest on the same	173.65
On account of the Pine Pond	100.00
	1184.67
Balance in Treasury	706.
Leaving due from the Town	$ 2315.67

All which is Respectfully Submitted

By Joel Adams
James Pitts
Otis Adams
} Committee

Assented Abel Hunt Treasurer

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clk

March 7th.

Report of Selectmen in 1834

A Report of the Expenses of the Town of Chelmsford for 1834

For Stony Brook Bridge, including the Railing and raising the road immediately connected with it and repairing old wing walls ——— $1160.31

" Repairing Black Brook Bridge 60.72

" Repairing Middlesex Road ——— 48.55

" Taking down the Hills and Repairing the new Road from Earl Adams by E Byams to Carlisle 324.00

Paid Ezekiel Byam Surveyor of Highways for Dist No 4. For making Bridge near Baptist Meeting House. Breaking out Roads and other work over his Tax list 76.11

Paid Asa Stevens Surveyor of Highways for Dist No 8. For work done on the Highways over his Tax list —— 34.85

Paid Bryant Emerson Surveyor of Highways for Dist No 1 For cash expended in procuring Road Scrapers 5.00

Paid Ephraim Warren surveyor of Highways for Dist No 5 For work done on Highway over his Tax list —— 6.10

Paid David Carlton Surveyor of Highways for Dist No 7. For work done on Highway over his Tax List 12.50

Making in all For Roads & Bridges $1724.12

Paid Earl Adams Esq — for cash Expended and Services rendered the Town in 1834 — 5th ——— 117.36

Paid James Pitts for Services as Constable. Painting Guide Boards &c ——— 27.04

Paid Benjn T Whear For services as Sexton &c. 9.00

Paid Otis Adams For services as Committee. 3.50

Paid Azariah Proctor For Guide Boards repairing Hearse, Bier &c ——— 5.75

Paid Francis Richardson For services as Assessor Selectman and Committee including Expenses 39.76

Paid E F Bowers For his services as Assessor Selectman and Committee including Expenses —— 44.54

Paid George Brewster For services as Assessor Selectman and Committee including Expenses 35.75

Paid Stephen Rice For Iron work on Railing for the Road in District No 5 laid in 1834 and for Repairing Pound Gate ——— 3.00

Amount Carried over ——— $2041.96

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Report of Selectmen Continued March 7th 1836

Amount Brot Forward $82.11.46

Paid Abel Hunt For Services as Treasurer 15.00

Paid Ephthan Parker For services as Collector in 1835 ——— 64.35

Paid Interest on Treasury Notes & Town Orders 83.72

Making in all ——— $2175.03

All of which is Respectfully submitted

By ——— E.F Webster } Selectmen
George Worcester } of
Francis Richardson } Chelmsford

Recorded By E F Webster Town Clerk

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Support of the Poor for one year ending March 2d 1836

By Cash on hand together with the proceeds of the work House and Poor Farm ——— $394.42

" Cash For Town Order ——— 200.00

Making in all ——— 594.42

To Cash Paid for all the necessaries and expenditures at the work house and Farm $335.00

" Cash Paid Superintendant ——— 200.00

" Cash Paid Overseers for their services 45.00

Making in all ——— $580.00

Leaving a balance in favour of the Town of ——— $14.42

There is due from the State & the Town of Dunstable 62.95

There is a lot of wood on hand for which we owe ——— 62.37

There has been the average number of Eleven Supported at the Farm during the year.

All Which we would Respectfully submit

Ephraim Adams } Overseers
Francis Richardson } of the
Ephraim Warren } Poor

Recorded By E F Webster Town Clk

Town Officers for 1836 Chelmsford Mass

The following named Persons were on the 7th day of March 1836 at a Legal Town Meeting chosen into the several offices set against their respective names and have appeared before the Subscriber town Clerk of the Town of Chelmsford and taken the oath by law required to qualify them for the offices to which they have been respectively chosen. Viz.

Names	Office	Time of taking oath
Alpheus Spalding Esqr	Selectmen	March 21st
Benjn Chamberlain		" 21st
Edmund Swett		March 12th
Alpheus Spalding Esqr		" 21st
Benjn Chamberlain	Assessors	" 21st
Edmund Swett		" 21st
James Pitts		" 12th
Joseph Heywood	Constables	" 12th
Capt William Fletcher		" 12th
Elbridge Sutton		" 12th
Thos Marshall		" 12th
John Farrar	Surveyors	" 7th
Joel B. Wright	of	" 12th
Capt John Butterfield	Highways	
Robert B Chamberlain		
Benjn Chamberlain		
William Parker		
Rowland Johnson	Chosen April 25th	April 27th sworn
Richard Taft		March " 12th
Hervy Bryant	Weighers	" 12th
Joseph Reed	of	" 12th
Horatio Nelson	Hay	
Joseph Manning		
Isaac Crooker		August 12th
Thos Marshall	Surveyors	March " 12th
Edmund Swett	of	
Hervy Bryant		" 12th
Samuel S Hadley	Lumber	" 12th
Benjn F Hunt		

Town Officers

Names	offices	Time of taking oath
Eben Adams		March 30th.
Samuel P. Hadley		March 12th
Isaac Noah Spalding	Treasurers	
Capt Eli Adams		
Elisha Adams		
Deac Josiah Spalding	Wood	March 12th
Daniel Proctor		
Leroy Bryant		" 12th
Richard Taft		" 12th
Drake Livingston		
Hezekiah Parkhurst		" Brt 6th
Amos Bryan		
Capt William Fletcher	Field	April 11th
Francis Metcalf	Drivers	March 12th
Samuel F Woods		
Willard Reed	Fence	" 12th
Joseph Haywood	Viewers	

Isaac Crooker. Collector of Taxes Sept 14th

Warrant for Town Meeting April 25th 1836

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting

(Seal) (Seal) (Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the Centre of said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of April instant at one O'Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To fill all vacant Town offices

3d To hear and consider any reports of Committees that may have been chosen at any former Meeting and act thereon

4th To see if the Town will accept a piece of new road laid out by the Selectmen near the house of Robert Richardson and act thereon

5th To see if the Town will accept of alterations in the old, and laying out of new road by the selectmen between the house of Daniel Dutton and Ebenezer Spalding and act thereon

6th To see if the Town will take measures and cause the fence to be repaired around the Burying Ground near the Baptist Meeting House

7th To Choose a Committee to make the annual ~~Settlement~~ with the Town Treasurer

8th To see if the Town will take measures to have the road discontinued as prayed for by Jacob Osgood and others and act thereon —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting — Given under our hands and seals this Eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Thirty six

Alpheus Spalding)
Benjn Chamberlain) Selectmen
Edmund Swett) of Chelmsford

Town Meeting April 25th 1836

Officers Return on the foregoing Warrant.

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford April 14th 1836

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford duly Qualified to meet as within directed by posting up Copies of the same by me Attested at each of the publick Meeting houses and one at the Tavern of Mc Allister & Taft so that the same may stand two sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding said Meeting

James Pitts Constable
of Chelmsford

Recorded April 27th 1836 By E F Webster Town Clk

Town of Chelmsford April 25th 1836

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs. Warned as above signified and held on said 25th day of April 1836 the following votes were passed (Viz)

Voted For a Moderator and chose Otis Adams

Voted For highway surveyor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Declension of Capt John Butterfield and chose Joel Parkhurst

Voted For highway surveyor to take the place of Robert B Chamberlain (declined) and chose Seth Williams

Voted To Dismiss the 4th Article in the Warrant

Voted To Choose a Committee of Three to take into consideration the 5th Article in the Warrant and report at the next Town Meeting

Voted and chose Capt John Butterfield. Daniel Parker and George Richardson said Committee

Voted That the selectmen be authorized to make such repairs on the wall around the Burial Place near the Baptist Meeting House as they may deem necessary and Cut the Bushes in said Yard

Voted To Choose a Committee of Three to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

Voted and chose Joel Adams Esqr Benjn Chamberlain and Alpheus Spalding Esqr said committee

Town Meeting April 25th 1836 Continued

Voted That a Committee be Chosen to petition the County Commissioners to Discontinue a Certain Road Laid out by them Petitioned for by Jacob Osgood and others leading from near the old house place of Mathews Spaldings to Robert Spaldings' shop. or to give the town further time to Build said Road

Voted That the above Committee shall consist of three persons and that they be chosen by Ballot.

Voted for and Chose Caleb Abbott Esqr William Fletcher Jr and James Pitts said Committee

Voted To excuse Isaac Crocker from serving as surveyor of highways and Chose Rowland Johnson in his Stead

Voted To Dismiss the Meeting

Otis Adams Moderator
E F Webster Clerk

Recorded by E F Webster Town Clerk 5 April 30th 1836

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Town Election Sept 5th 1836

Warrant

Seal } Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of
Seal } Chelmsford in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts you are hereby directed to notify and
warn the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford
qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the
Meeting House in the centre of said Town on
Monday the fifth day of September next at
two of the Clock in the afternoon; then and there
to act on the following articles :-

1st To Choose a Moderator

2d To hear and consider the reports of any com-
mittee that may have been chosen at any former
meeting and act thereon

3d To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to
let out and superintend the building of
the road prayed for in the petition of Jacob Osgood
and others agreeable to the vote of the County
Commissioners and act any thing thereon

And you are requested to serve this Warrant
by posting up attested copies thereof one at each
of the publick meeting houses in said Town and
one at the Tavern of Richard Taft so that
the same may stand at least one two sabbaths
previous to the time of holding said Meeting -

Thereof fail not and make due return
of this warrant and your doings thereon to the Town
Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting
Given under our hands & seals this twenty-second day
of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty six

Alpheus Spalding) Selectmen
Benj^a Chamberlain) of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clk

Town Meeting Sept. 5th 1836 Continued

Officers return on the foregoing warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford August 26th 1836

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford to meet at time & place & for purposes therein expressed by posting attested copies thereof at the places therein directed so that the same may stand two sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding the meeting

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Town of Chelmsford Sept. 5th A.D. 1836

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled at the time and place therein specified when and where the following votes were passed (to wit)

1st Voted for and chose Capt. Otis Adams Moderator

Heard the report of the Committee chosen to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue a certain road as prayed for by Jacob Osgood & others

Voted To accept said Report

Voted Not to choose a committee to let out and superintend the building of the road specified in the 3d article in the warrant

Voted that the same committee (to wit Caleb Abbott Esq. Capt Wm Fletcher and James Pitts) chosen at a former meeting to petition the County Commissioners relating to the road laid out by them on the petition of Jacob Osgood & others, be instructed to petition again for the discontinuance of said road, or for the further extention of time for completing said Road

Voted To Dismiss the Meeting

Otis Adams Moderator

E. F. Webster Clerk

Recorded By E F Webster Town Clk

(Town Meeting Sept 5th 1836 Continued

Report of Committee on the Osgood road)

Committee Chosen by the inhabitants of Belmont in legal Town meeting assembled in April Last to Petition the county commissioners to discontinue a road laid by them in the northerly part of said town, & allow a further time to make & finish said Road than allowed by the order for building the said road, have attended to that service and make the following

Report (viz)

That your committee by petition presented to the County Commissioners asking of them to discontinue a road laid by them in the northerly part of Belmont as prayed for by Jacob Osgood and others, or a longer time to make & finish said road could only obtain a further time to make the said road from November first 1836 & June first 1837 with the assurance that an additional time would be allowed by them if necessary, provided the road was in progress of making.

All which is submitted

Caleb Abbott
Wm Hutchinson jr } Committee
James Pitts

Annual Town Meeting, Dec. 14th 1931

Warrant

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required legally to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Meeting House in the Centre of said town on Monday the fourteenth day of December instant at Eleven O'Clock A.M. being the second Monday of said month. To bring in their votes for a Governor and Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth — And for five senators on one ballot for the county of Middlesex — And for a Representative to the next Congress of the United States for Congressional District No. four — And for fourteen Electors of President and vice President of the United States on one ballot — which ballot shall contain the name of at least one inhabitant of each of the Congressional Districts into which the Commonwealth is divided with the name of the district to which he belongs — Also to bring in their votes on the proposed Amendment of the constitution —

And also at the same time and place to determine the number and choose one or more Representatives to the next General Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next —

And you are likewise required to notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same time & Place to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To hear and consider the reports of any committees that may have been chosen at any former meeting

3d To see if the Town will choose a Committee to lay out and ascertain the building of the road prayed for in the petition of Jacob [illegible] and others

(generally

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repeatable & the order of the County Commissioners and act thereon

4th. To see if the Town will take measures to cause some of the old records to be transcribed and arranged so as to render them of more convenient reference

Hereof fail not, and of this warrant and your doings hereon make due return to ourselves at the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this fourth day of November A.D. 1836

Athens Spalding } Selectmen
Benja Chamberlain } of
Edmund Swett } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford Nov 5th 1836

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford to meet at time & place & for purposes therein expressed by posting copies of the same by me attested at each of the Publick Meeting Houses and at the Tavern of Richard Taft all in Chelmsford so that the same may stand over two sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding said Meeting according to the vote of the Town of Chelmsford aforesaid

James Pitts } Constable of
} Chelmsford

Recorded By E F Webster Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov 14th A.D. 1836

Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor holden on the fourteenth day of November, being the second monday of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes Chap^t 11. Sec 13 by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number was — Two hundred and twenty three

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following Persons —

For Governor { Edward Everett — one hundred and fifteen votes
{ Marcus Morton — one hundred and ten votes

Abiram Shedd }
Benj^n Chamberlain } Selectmen
Edmund Scott } of Chelmsford

Attest E F Webster Town Clerk

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Annual Election Nov. 14th 1836

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor holden on the fourteenth day of November, being the second monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and thirty six, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said commonwealth; The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes / Chapt 4. Sec 13./ by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was — Two hundred and twenty one votes

And the whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons

For Lieut. Governor — George Hull — One hundred and Eleven
William Foster One hundred and ten votes

Attest Mathews Spalding
Benjn Chamberlain
Edmund Swett
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov. 14th 1836

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified by the constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors to be taken on the fourteenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators & Counsellors for the District of Middlesex.

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chapt 4. Sec 13.) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was— Two hundred and twenty one votes

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

Votes for Senators

Leonard M. Parker had one hundred and nine votes
William Livingston had one hundred and nine votes
Reuben Bacon had one hundred and nine votes
Stephen Rose had one hundred and nine votes
Francis Bowman had one hundred and nine votes
Nathan Brooks had one hundred and twelve votes
Levi Farwell had one hundred and twelve votes
Stewart T. Park one hundred and ten votes
Edmund Parker one hundred and eleven votes
Moses Edgell one hundred and twelve votes

Asphurs Spalding
Benjn Chamberlain
Edmund Swett
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest — E F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov. 14th 1836

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the fourteenth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and thirty six for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representation of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for District Number four

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes in ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chapt. 8. sec. 13,) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was — Two Hundred and Ten

And the whole number of votes given in were, sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed — and were for the following persons.—

Votes for Rep. to Congress Dist. No 4

Hon. Samuel Lawrence had Ninety five votes
Hon. William Parmenter had one hundred and fourteen votes
Nathaniel Austin had one vote

Attest Thomas Spalding) Selectmen
Benj. Chamberlain) of
Edmund Hunt) Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov. 14th 1836 -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the second Monday of November, one thousand eight hundred and thirty six for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President & vice President of the United States. - The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chapt 44 Sec 13) by counting the whole number of ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was — Two hundred and twenty votes

And the whole number of votes given in were received, sorted, counted & declared, and record thereof made in open Town meeting, as by law directed and were for the following persons:-

Electors at Large.

Nathaniel Silsbee had one hundred and twelve votes

Nathan Wilds - had one hundred and Eight votes

Electors for District Number one

Caleb Eddy - had one hundred and Eight votes

Samuel Appleton - had one hundred and twelve votes

Elector for District No. Two.

Everett Saltonstall had one hundred and twelve votes

Robert Rantoul - had one hundred and Eight votes

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Elector for District No. Three

Benjamin Walker had One hundred and twelve votes

Joseph Kittredge had One hundred and Eight votes

Elector for District No four 4th

Loami Baldwin had One hundred and twelve votes

Francis Tuttle had One hundred and Eight votes

Elector for District No five

Joseph G. Kendall had one hundred and twelve votes

Samuel Taylor had One hundred and Eight votes

Elector for District No Six

Samuel Lee had One hundred and twelve votes

Samuel C. Allen had One hundred and Eight votes

Elector for District No. Seven

Thomas Longley had One hundred and twelve votes

Joseph Fitch had one hundred and Eight votes

Elector for District No Eight

Isaac C. Bates had One hundred and twelve votes

Harvey Chapin had One hundred and Eight votes

Elector for District No. Nine

Bezaleel Taft had one hundred & twelve votes

Benjamin P. Williams had one hundred & Eight votes

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Elector for District No Ten

Howard Lothrop had One hundred and twelve votes

Nathan C. Brownell had One hundred and Eight votes

Elector for District No. Eleven

Charles W. Morgan had One hundred and twelve votes.

Thomas Mansell had One hundred and Eight votes

Elector for District No Twelve

Charles F. Holmes had One hundred and twelve votes

Jabez P. Thompson had One hundred and Eight votes

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Benjn Chamberlain } of
Edmund Swett } Chelmsford

Attest E F Webster Town Clerk

1836

Annual Election A.D. 1836

Commonwealth of Massachusetts —
Pursuant to a Resolve of the General Court of Massachusetts, approved by the Governor April 1st 1836, entitled "Resolve for submitting to the People a proposed Article of Amendment to the Constitution", the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives in the General Court, being duly convened, at a meeting legally warned & held, on the second Monday of November current, being the fourteenth day of said Month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for or against a proposed Article of Amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, submitted to the people by the Resolve aforesaid, and having voted thereon by ballot the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, Recorded, and declaration thereof made as by said resolve is directed, and were as follows;

For said Amendment } One hundred and Sixty one votes

Against said Amendment } Five votes

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, and in the sixty-first year of the Independence of the United States of America

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Benjn Chamberlain } of
Edmund Swett } Chelmsford

Attest E F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov. 14th 1836

Town Representative. ——

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified by the Constitution to Vote in Elections duly convened on the fourteenth day of November 1836 for the purpose of determining on the number of Representatives this Town will send to the next General Court to be held at Boston on the first wednesday of January next and also for the purpose of giving in their votes for one or more Representatives it was declared &

Voted That this Town will send two Representative to the next General Court to be holden as aforesaid. —

And the Votes were received sorted Counted & declared, & were for the following Persons:—

Alpheus Spalding Esqr	——	112 votes
Amos Whitney Esqr	——	117 "
Capt Sherebiah Spalding	—	99 "
Col. F. M. Reed	——	94 "
Benjamin Chamberlain	—	1 "
Charles Blood	——	1 "

Amos Whitney Esqr and Alpheus Spalding Esqr were declared Elected. The whole number of Ballots given in was — 219

Necessary to a Choice 110

Alpheus Spalding
Benjn Chamberlain
Edmund Swett
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest E F Webster Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov. 14th 1836

Pursuant to the warrant of the Selectmen, the Inhabitants of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled at the Meeting House in the centre of said Town on Monday the 14th day of Nov 1836 where & when the following votes were passed (to wit)

Chose — Capt James Pitts Moderator

Voted — To adjourn the Meeting to Monday next at one of the clock P.M.

Monday Nov. 21st 1836

Met according to adjournment and

Heard — the Report of the Comittee chosen at a Town Meeting held April 25th 1836 for the purpose of taking into consideration the proceedings of the Selectmen in Regard to an alteration in the road from near the House of David Dutton to Pine Hill ——

Voted — To accept the Report

Voted — To accept the Report of the selectmen and to confirm and ratify their doings in Laying out a part of new highway and widening the old, as above discribed

Heard — the Report of the committee appointed to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue, or give a longer time to make a road laid out by them in the northerly part of said Chelmsford as prayed for by Jacob Osgood & others

Voted — To accept the Report

Voted — To choose a Committee of three by ballot to let out and superintend the building of said Osgood Road ——

Chose — Samuel Davis Esqr Capt William Fletcher jr and Sewall Parkhurst said Committee

Voted — That said Committee defer the letting out of said Road till the first of May 1837

Adjourned
Town Meeting Nov 21st 1836 Continued

Voted To choose a Committee by nomination to let out and superintend the making of the road from Daviel Dutton's to Pine Hill

Voted That the Selectmen be said Committee

Voted To choose a Committee of three to cause such of the old Records to be Transcribed and arranged as they shall deem necessary

Chose Eli F. Webster, Capt Otis Adams and Col Fitz Reed said Committee

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

James Pitts Moderator
E F Webster Clerk

Report of the Selectmen on the Pine Hill Road

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford have laied out for the use of the said Town a Town way as follows:- Beginning first and widening the old road leading from Daviel Dutton's to Lowell at a large stone east of said Dutton's house near a pair of bars at land of said Dutton - thence crossing Flaggy meadow Brook to a white Oak Tree marked by said road at land of Daviel Perham - Secondly, A new piece of road beginning on the southerly side of said road at a stake & stones at land of Daviel Perham - Then through said Perhams land to a stake - Thence continuing untill it intersects the road aforesaid at a Birch Tree marked - To be three rods wide and to lie on the northerly side of said course -

And we agreed with the owners of the land over which said widening and said way passes for their damages as follows -

To the said Perham fifty dollars: to be paid

Report of Selectmen Continued

by the said Town of Chelmsford before said road is opened; and the said Dutton released all damages for widening said road through his land, and we allowed the several owners of the land aforesaid two months to take off the wood standing and growing thereon. Which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a publick town way

Dated at Chelmsford this Eighteenth day of April A D 1836

Benjn Chamberlain } Selectmen
Edmund Swett } of Chelmsford

Recorded Nov 21st 1836 By E J Webster Town Clk

Report of the Committee on the Pine Hill Road

The undersigned, a committee chosen at a Town Meeting held April 25th 1836 to take into consideration the 5th Article in the warrant for said Meeting, having attended to that duty beg leave Respectfully to Report— That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ~~ought to be granted~~ for straightening the road from near the house of Daniel Dutton to the top of Pine hill in Chelmsford ought to be granted

Chelmsford Nov. 12th 1836

John Butterfield }
Daniel Parker } Committee
George Richardson }

Recorded Nov 21st By E J Webster Town Clk

Report of the Committee on the Osgood Road

The Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of Chichester at a Town Meeting held on the fifth of September last to petition the county Commissioners to discontinue, or give a longer time to make a road as laid out by them in the northerly part of the Town aforesaid. as prayed for by Jacob Osgood & others

Report

That they presented a petition to the County Commissioners at their session held at Concord in September last praying for a discontinuance of the road referred to above, or a further time to make and finish the same - but were unable to obtain either, more than an assurence that no complaint for fine or damage against the Town would be sustained by them provided the road should have been let out in good faith to be made any time within the period allowed by them if it should not be finished within two or three months after the time allowed, to wit the first of June next -

Which is Respectfully submitted

C Abbott } Committee
Wm Fletcher Jr }

Nov. 14th 1836

Recorded Nov 21st 1836 E F Webster Town Clerk

111 Annual Town Meeting March 6th 1837

Warrant

Middlesex ss, To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in the Center of said Town on monday the sixth day of March next at nine O'clock A.M. to act on the following articles,

1st To choose a Moderator,

2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

3rd To hear the report of the Selectmen on the expenditures of the town the past year, Also the report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and any other Committee which may have been appointed and act thereon.

4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

5th To direct the way and manner the Schools shall be kept the ensuing year.

6th To determine the manner of repairing the highways, Townways, and bridges the ensuing year.

7th To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.

8th To bring in their votes for a County Commissioner.

9th To see if the Town will accept a road laid out by the Selectmen at the request of Jacob Fiddler and others and act thereon.

10th To see if the Town will cause the road between Dea Noah Spalding's & the half way house so called, to be widened and act thereon.

11th To see if the Town will cause the Roads to be widened where the fences have been set into the roads and act thereon.

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12th To see what measures the town will take in regard to an indictment of a road

13th & to see if the Town will purchase a piece of land to enlarge the burying ground.

14th To see what measures the Town will take in regard to their proportion of the Surplus Revenue and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof agreeably to law & the vote of the town, & hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February in the year 1837

Hezekiah Spalding } Select-men
Edmund Smith } Chelmsford

Officers return on the foregoing Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 1st 1837

By Virtue of this Warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford aforesaid to meet at the time, place & for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up copies thereof by me attested at each of the public Meeting Houses and at the Tavern of Richard Hall in Chelmsford that is over seven hundred Rods from the Meeting House at least before the time of holding said Meeting according to the Vote of the Town

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

2 1 b Annual Town Meeting held at 1 o'clock P.M.
Chelmsford March 7th 1825. Met in pursuance
according to the warrant and chose
Capt James Fitt Moderator
Chose Caleb Hunt Town Clerk who was duly
sworn in for the Town Meeting by the Moderator
voted To choose three Selectmen and one Collector
Chose Ephraim Spalding Esq. Capt Shurbiah
Spalding and Benjamin Adams Esq.
voted Not to choose a Board of Assessors pursuant
to the Statute.
Chose Amery Emerson Town Treasurer.
voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor.
Chose Capt Shurbiah Spalding, Asa Hodgeman Jr and
Joseph Manning.
voted To adjourn the Meeting for thirty minutes
Met according to adjournment and
Chose Capt Shurbiah Spalding, Capt Asa Hodgeman
and Maj Joseph Manning, Overseers of the Work House
voted To choose a School committee consisting of three.
voted To defer choosing a School Committee to the
next Meeting.
Chose James Fitt, and John H. Young Constables.
voted To choose a Field Driver in each School Dist
Chose Samuel Davis Esq in District No 1
" Charles Richardson in " No 2
" John Fletcher in " No 3
" Ephraim Parker " " No 4
" Elisha Hunt " " No 5
" Benjamin Livingston " " No 6
" John Farrar " " No 7
" Benjamin Bullington " " No 8
" Robert G. Parker " " No 9
voted To choose three Fence Viewers,
Chose John Farrar, Robert Richardson, Doct Paul Richardson
voted To defer choosing Highway Surveyors, till the next Meeting
voted To chose a committee to take into consideration the propriety of having
some different method of repairing the highways, Town ways and Bridges
from that heretofore practiced, and report at the next Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting March 6th 1837 Continued

Voted To chose a committee of seven to [illegible]

Chose William Adams Esq., Samuel C. Steele, Nathan Whiting, [illegible], Richardson, and Ephraim Adams 2d

Voted To [illegible]

Chose Eli F. Webster, George Grant, Samuel Hadley, Josiah R. Parkhurst Benjn Bullard, Benjn S. Dean.

Voted To chose Eleven Reasonors of Wood

Chose Samuel F. Hadley, Josiah R. Parkhurst, Nathan Adams, Thomas Adams, Levant Emerson, Eben. Adams, Charles Adams, Joel B. Wright, Henry Bryant, Ephraim Adams, Amos Wheat.

Voted To add one more

Chose Jefferson Farrar

Voted To add another

Chose Dea. John Farwell

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime

Chose Amos Carlton, and Thomas Tuttle

Voted To chose five Weighers of Hay

Chose Thomas Adams Eben Emerson Joseph Reed Ray Joseph Fleming, John W. [illegible]

Voted To [illegible]

Chose [illegible] Paul Hadley, [illegible]

Read the [illegible]

for the year ensuing.

Voted To accept the [illegible]

Read the report of the Overseers of the Poor and of the Assessors of the property on the Town Tax

Voted To accept it,

Read the [illegible] to the Town

Voted To [illegible]

Voted To [illegible] a Committee [illegible]

Report [illegible]

Chose Daniel F. Lee, Daniel Fessenden, & [illegible]

Annual Town Meeting March 8th 1852 pursuant
Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to be expended for
the Expenses of the Town.
Voted To raise three hundred and fifty dollars for
the support of the Poor, fifty dollars to be
appropriated to purchase a mare for the Town
Voted To raise one thousand dollars for defraying the
expenses of the Highways.
Voted To pass over the eighth article.
Voted To defer raising money for the purpose till the
next Meeting.
Voted To choose a committee of three to lay out, and
superintend the building of the Bridges Road
Voted That the Selectmen be the committee.
Voted That the tenth & eleventh Articles be referred
to a Committee to report at the next Meeting
Chose James Pitt, Paul Kittredge & Willard Reed,
Voted That the twelfth Article be referred to the Selectmen
Voted To refer the thirteenth Article to a Committee of three
Chose Capt James Pitt, Eli F Webster Willard Reed
Voted To instruct the Committee to ascertain where they
can obtain suitable land for enlarging the common
burying place, enquire the price &c and report
at the next Meeting
Voted To divide fifty dollars of the money raised for the
support of Schools among the small districts
at the discretion of the Selectmen as to what
districts said fifty dollars should be distributed
The Collection of the Taxes was put up at Auction
and struck off to Isaac Crooker at 1 cent 8 mills on
Chose Isaac Crooker Collector of Taxes (a dollar
Voted To refer the fourteenth Article to the next Meeting
Voted To dissolve the meeting

James Pitt
Moderator

Eli F Webster Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 7th 1837

Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Constable of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex greeting in pursuance to the Constitution to be in Election between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and six in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes for County Treasurer. The whole number of Persons who gave in their Votes was ascertained as directed in the revised Statutes (Chapt 1 Sect 13) by counting the whole number of ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was One hundred and fifty

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, and declared, and return thereof, read in Town Meeting and were for the following persons

Sherman Buttrick Esq had eighty nine votes 89
John Keyes Esq had twenty six votes 26

Eli F. Webster Town Clerk

The Collection of Taxes was bid off on the following condition Viz — The Collector to receive nothing for collecting what shall remain uncollected on the last day of February next and that he shall render a final Settlement with the Treasurer on or before the first day of May A.D. 1838 and give bonds to the satisfaction of the selectmen —

Collection of Taxes bid off at One cent and Eight mills on the dollar

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Annual Town Meeting March 7th 1837 Contin

Report of the Selectmen, for the expence of the Town of Chelmsford for the year ensuing at the first Monday of March 1837

	Town Grant	$1800
Paid	Abatement on tax	$16,27
"	Assessors wages	75,50
"	Selectmens services	55,50
"	Committee services	46,80
"	Constables services	18,75
"	Sextons services	10,00
"	Repairing Pails	8,08
"	Collectors services	58,15
"	Repairing House	21,85
"	Repairing Roads & Bridges	403,80
"	Breaking roads	49,00
"	Guidpost & boards	15,25
"	Blank Books	15,61
"	Treasurers services	15,00
		$756,57
	Leaving a balance of	$1043,43

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Edmund Fiske } of Chelmsford

Report of the expences of Supporting the Poor in the Town of Chelmsford, for the year ending March 4th 1837

Cash paid Harry Montague	$102,11
Cash pd for grain	101,11
Cash pd for Stock	61,
Cash pd for Repairing School house	14,11
Cash pd for sundrie articles of provisions Clothing, farming tools, and other necessaries for the use of the work house and farm	429,19
Cash pd Overseers for their services	43,
There is due to Harry Montague for his services in superintending the work house & Farm	147,89
due to Asa Hodgeman 2d for standing wood & timber	4,25
Amounting in all to	933,15

Annual Town Meeting March 6th 1837 (cont'd)

Cash rec'd for Duck & Nets	$4.45
" " " Vegetables from the Farm	1.37
Cash " " proceeds of the Farm	60.24
" " " Town order	16.00
There is due the Town from Nathaniel Curtis	2.10
" " " " the common debt	4.16
	$133.39
Leaving the Town in debt	$150.84

There has been the average number of twelve persons that has been supported at the Farm during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Sherebiah Spalding
Asa Hodgman 2nd
Jonathan Locke
} Overseers of the poor

The Subscribers, a committee to make the Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer have attended the duty assigned them and submit the following Report

The Treasurer charges himself with, the balance due the Town at the last Annual Settlement of $16.00

With Cash rec'd of the State Treasurer out of the School fund 16.18

With Cash rec'd of Isaac Crooks Collector for 1836 — 294.40

Amounting in all to the sum $324.58

And is credited for cash paid out for the Treasurey Note and interest on the same — $210.50

For cash paid for sundry Town orders drawn by the Selectmen $78.79

Amounting to the sum of 291.09

leaving a balance due the Town of $26.14

All which is respectfully submitted

Attested by
Abel Hunt Treasurer

Joel C Adams
Benjn C Hamblin
Elisha Spalding
} Committee

[illegible] March 6th 1837

[illegible] is by law required [illegible] as Surveyors [illegible] before the Selectmen and were sworn to the faithful discharge of their said Offices on the days hereinafter specified. (to wit)

Names	Offices	Time of taking oath
Alpheus Spaulding Esq	Selectmen	March 11th
Capt. Jonathan Sawtell		
Benjamin Adams Esq		
Owen Emerson	Town Treasurer	March 15th
James Pitt	Constables	March 7th
John H. Young		March 6th
Isaac Crocker	Collector	
Samuel Davis Esq	Field Drivers	March 14th
James Simonson		
Silas Crosby		
Ephraim Parker		
Eliphalet Hunt		
Benjamin Lovingston		March 10th
John Farrar		
Benjamin Butterfield		
Robert G. Hardie		March 14th
John Farrar		
Robert Richardson	Fence Viewers	April 3d
Capt Paul Kittredge		March 8th
George Proctor	Surveyors of Lumber	March 15th
Samuel S. Hadley		
Josiah K. Parkhurst		
Benjamin Blood		
Benjn F. Dean		March 6th
Amos Carter	Inspectors of Lime	
Stearns Parker		

Town Officers for 1837 continued

Names	Offices	
Samuel P. Hadley		March 15th
Hezekiah Parkhurst		
Ford Derby		
Thomas L. Adams		
Bryant Emerson		[illegible]
Eben Adams Esqr	Measurers	March 6th
Charles Adams	of	
Ford B. Wright	Wood and	
Henry Bryant	Bark	[illegible]
Ephraim Adams		
[illegible] Steel		
Jefferson Lovis		March 18th
Dea. John Farwell		
Thomas Moore		
Henry Bryant	Weighers	March 16th
Joseph Reed	of	
Maj. Joseph Manning	Hay	[illegible]
John W. Carroll		
Eli Bryam		May 8th
Eli Howard	Surveyors	
David Barton	of	June 9th
Benj. Stanley	Lumber	April 13
Benj. Allen	[illegible]	
Oliver Hutchins		June 9th
[illegible]		[illegible]

Town Meeting April 3d 1837

Warrant

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the town of [illegible] in said County, Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified [illegible] to meet at the Meeting house in the south [illegible] said town on Monday the third day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon [illegible]

1st To bring in their votes for a County Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of David Townsend Esq late in office at the last session of the Legislature

2d To fill all vacant town offices

3d To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred [illegible] in the warrant of the last meeting on the repairs of roads and bridges, and act [illegible] appointed and act thereon

4th To raise money for the repair of roads and bridges for the year ensuing and act thereon

5th To choose a committee to make the annual settlement with the town Treasurer

6th To see what measures the Town will take in regard to their proportion of the surpluss revenue and act thereon —

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in each of the public houses in the town of Chelmsford seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Given under our hands and seals this

[illegible] [illegible]

eighteenth day of March one Thousand Eight hundred and thirty Seven

Alpheus Spaulding) Selectmen
Shearbiah Spaulding } of
Benjn Adams) Chelmsford

Officer's Return on the foregoing Warrant

Town of Chelmsford March 25th 1837

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have posted up copies thereof at each of the Publick Meeting houses and at the Tavern of [illegible] last by me attested, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting, and have also notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford aforesaid to meet at time and place & for purposes therein expressed being according to the vote of said Town

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Eli F. Webster Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 3rd 1837. (Election &c)

Votes for County Commissioner ——

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to vote in Elections holden on the third day of April 1837 being the first Monday of said month to give in their votes for a suitable person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Daniel Saunders Esqr

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the revised Statutes (Chapt 4th sec 13) by counting the whole number of separate Ballots given in, and the whole number of Ballots was Nine

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed — And were for the following persons

Timothy Fletcher had fifty votes
Edmund Parker had forty votes

Thomas Hadley — Selectmen
Shearjash Spalding — of
Benjamin Adams — Chelmsford

Attest E.F. Webster Town Clerk

Chelmsford Monday April 3rd 1837

Pursuant to a warrant from the selectmen the legally qualified voters of the Town of Chelmsford assembled at the time and place therein directed and were

proceeding were had —

Chose Capt Otis Adams Moderator —

Read the Report of the Committee on the subject of repairing the highways &c the ensuing year

Voted to accept the Report —

Voted to choose highway surveyors for each District separately and by ballot

Voted to reconsider the vote accepting the report of the committe above named and also the vote to choose highway surveyors by ballot

Voted to choose the Surveyors of Highways by nomination and hand vote

Voted that no one be nominated or chosen highway surveyor unless he be present at this meeting

Voted for and Chose Otis Byam — Otis Howard — David Carlton — Benjamin Spaulding — Benj F. Clear — and Oliver Hutchins, Surveyors of Highways

Voted that the Selectmen appoint the surveyors of highways in such Districts as has not been elected on this day

Voted to Choose a School Committee consisting of three.

Chose Eli F Webster — Dan F M Kittredg and Joseph Warren Jr

Read the report of the committee on the subject of enlarging the Centre Burying ground

Voted to accept the report

Voted that the further consideration of the subject be refered to the next Town Meeting

Read the report of the committee on transcribing the old Town Records —

Voted to accept said Report

Heard the report of the committee appointed to ascertain where wall and fences had been set into the roads within twenty years

Voted to refer said report and all proceedings thereon to the next Town Meeting —

Town Meeting contd April 3d 1837

Voted to raise five thousand dollars for the purpose of repairing of highways, town-ways & Bridges the ensuing year

Voted to choose a Committee of Three to settle with the Town Treasurer

Carl Adams Esqr Eli F. Webster and Dan Paul K Kimball

Voted That said committee be instructed and authorized to examine all Books and papers connected with the Treasury, and ascertain the exact state of the finances of the Town, and report thereon at the next annual March Meeting —

Voted That this Town will receive their proportion of the Surplus revenue

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to receive said Money and give such pledges as the law requires

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to take such portions of said surplus money as may be necessary and appropriate them to the payment of the Town's debts —

Voted That the Treasurer keep an exact account of the sum which he shall receive of the aforesaid surplus money — and also the exact amount paid out for the purposes hereinfore specified, and report the same to the next Town Meeting —

Voted That the remainder of said Surplus money not used in paying the Town debt be funded at Interest.

Voted That said money so funded shall be secured by Mortgage on Real estate worth double the amount loaned and a Note also taken bearing even date with said Mortgage

Voted That not more than five hundred dollars shall be loaned to any one individual

Voted to chuse a committee of three to loan said money Dan'l Emerson — Capt John Butterfield and Eli F. Webster Esq Adams said Committee

Voted That the Meeting be dismissed

Eli Adams Moderator

E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town Meeting Contd April 3d 1837

Report

"The Committee appointed at the last March meeting, Instructed to cause some of the old records to be transcribed and rearranged so as to render them of more convenient reference" having attended to that duty, submit the following

Report

That soon after their appointment they met and examined the books and came to the conclusion that it was advisable to transcribe all the roads, births, deaths and Marriages into books expressly designated for those several purposes excepting such as had been so disposed of in books more recently commenced, and excepting likewise the two first books of records which they propose to unite in one volume. And to make an Index to the most important matters contained in the Books transcribed

In accordance with that conclusion the work has been performed in the following manner

In the first place; All the books of Records in the Town Clerks office were arranged according to their respective dates and marked in large characters on the back with the letters of the Alphabet. Commencing with the oldest book which contains all the books excepting such as had been previously labelled with appropriate appellations.

The births were then all transcribed from the several books into one, lettered "Births" on the back, excepting the last book of births which was likewise so labelled, which is referred to in the margin designated by the letter A and page where the several transcripts are taken.

The Deaths and Marriages were proceeded with in like manner, excepting those found in Book A. that were embodied in one catalogue fairly written and orderly arranged. — The Roads likewise have all been carefully transcribed into one volume and indexed — excepting, as before, those found in book A. These being so numerous and of so ancient a date it was not thought necessary to transcribe, but to refer

Town Meeting April 3d 1836

Report of Committee on Ancient Records

and noting also in the book of Roads
ancient ones may be found — An
addition has likewise been formed to the most ancient
books, embracing the Town grants of common lands
Roads &c and all that was considered of importance
or likely to be the subject of reference —
All which is respectfully submitted by

E. F. Webster)
Otis Adams } committee
J. M. Reed)

Accepted April 3d 1837 and recorded by
E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Report of committee on burying ground

The committee appointed at the last Town Meeting to ascertain where suitable land may be obtained for enlarging the centre burying Ground, having attended to that duty report as follows — That all the land which they can find adjoining the old yard which will answer any tolerable purpose for burial is a piece owned by Mr Daniel Dickinson on the west=erly side of said yard containing about one acre — about one half of which in the opinion of the committee may answer for graves, the rest of it, or at least a con=siderable part of it may do to build Tombs on — We have ascertained that this piece of land can be obtained for 100 dollars — The committee have likewise viewed another piece of Land lying on the Lowell road at the junction of Lands owned by Capt Josiah Fletcher Mr George Richardson & Joseph Reed — This piece is entirely free from stones or wet places, — and it is presumed that there is not one foot of it, on which graves may not be dug with a Spade — It may extend from 16 to 18 rods on the road and as far back as is desirable — This piece can be obtained probably, for about 80 dollars per acre

Accepted by Town and recorded by Town Clerk

All which is respectfully submitted by
James Ritts — E. F. Webster, Willard Reed. Committee

Town Meeting July 17th 1837

Middlesex ss — Warrant

To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex — Greeting —

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the Centre of said Town on Monday the Seventeenth day of July instant at two o'clock in the afternoon, & there to act on the following articles

1st To take into consideration a notice of the County Commissioners for the location of a road prayed for by Noah Mansur & others, from the ridge hill Tavern in Groton by Isaac Farwell's & the City of Lowell into said Town

2d To see what measures the Town will take to repair the Road through Middlesex Village & act thereon

3d To see what measures the Town will take in regard to repairing the Bridge near Jonas R Proctis & act thereon

4th To see if the Town will instruct their Committee appointed at their last town meeting & take measures to build a piece of Road near Jacob Kidders' & make an alteration in the location of said road — and act thereon

[illegible] you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one each in said Town and the vote of the Town

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon & the Town then & at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this 3rd day of July in the year 1837

Silas Spaulding } Selectmen
Jeremiah Spalding }
Jonas Adams } of Chelmsford

Town Meeting July 17th 1837 Continued
Recorded below in the foregoing
Warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford July 8th 1837
Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified the
Inhabitants of Chelmsford as therein directed by
posting up Copies thereof by me attested at each of
the Publick Meeting Houses, and at the Tavern kept
by Thos Moore all in Chelmsford / so that the same
was done two Sabbath at least previous to the
time of holding the Meeting / as required by
a vote of the Town of Chelmsford aforesaid
James Pitts Constable of
Chelmsford

Town of Chelmsford July 17th 1837
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the
Inhabitants of Chelmsford qualified to Vote in
Elections & in Town affairs assembled at the time
& place therein directed where & when the following
proceedings were had
1st Chose Col Thos Spaulding Esqr Moderator
2d Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the second
Monday of August next at two of the Clock
P.M. to be holden at this place to wit, the
Centre Meeting House in said Chelmsford / and
that one of the Constables be directed to give
notice of said adjournment on the Copies
of the Warrant now posted two Sabbaths at
least previous to the time of said Meeting
Attest Thos Spaulding Moderr

Monday August 14th 1837
Met according to adjournment and
Voted to Choose a Committee of three by ballot
to survey the Farwell Road / so called /
Chose Col. Benjn Adams, Capt Otis Adams and
Thos Spaulding Esqr said Committee

Town Meeting Continued by adjournment
August 14th 1837

Voted To choose a Committee of three to repair the Middle
= [illegible] so called

Voted Alpheus Spaulding Esqr Col Joseph Bowers and
Capt Shemiah Spaulding said Committee

Voted To instruct said Committee to call on the Agent
of the Lock & Canal Company of Lowell
damages sustained on the Middlesex Road,
for making a dam across Merrimack river
and in case of their refusal to make any res-
= titution, to institute a suit against them if
[illegible]

Voted To reject the 3d article in the warrant & the
Selectmen

Voted That the Selectmen [illegible] upon location
[illegible] to repair the old Bridge or build a
new Stone one at the place referred to in said
Article

Voted That the committee appointed to lay out & cause
to be made the Lisbon road (so called) location
= ized & alter the location thereof as they may
think the interest of the Town requires

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Alpheus Spaulding Moder

Recorded by S F Weston Town Clerk

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Annual Election Nov. 13th 1837

Warrant

Middlesex ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Chelmsford — Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required legally to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the meeting House in the centre of said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of november next at Eleven O'clock A. M. being the second monday of said month to bring in their votes for a Governor and Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth and for four senators in one ballot for the County of Middlesex

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And also at the same time and place to determine the number and choose one or more Representatives to the next general Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of January next

And you are likewise required to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same time & place to act on the following articles viz —

1st To Choose a Moderator

2d To hear the reports of any committees that may have been chosen at any former meeting and consider the same

3d At the request of Eli G. Webster & others to see if the Town will appropriate the proceeds of the state school fund to the purpose of procuring Globes, or other school apparatus for the several Districts or act thereon

4th At the request of William Adams Esqr. & others to see if the Town will take measures to renew the bounds to, and repair, or discontinue the road leading from the Turnpike to Bloods

Annual Election Nov. 13th 1834

Warrant continued

and Town Meeting

mills and act thereon

5th To see if the Town will choose a committee to see that the rail road Corporation does not trouble on their public roads and passage ways and act thereon

6th To see if the Town will make any repairs on the Turnpike between Moores Tavern & the Stone post at the new road & act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, agreeable to law and the vote of the town

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon, to our selves, at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this thirtieth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty seven

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Shesbeak Spalding } of
Benj^a Adams } Chelmsford

Officers return on the foregoing

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford Nov. 3d 1837

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford to meet at time & place & for purposes therein expressed by posting up attested copies thereof agreeable to the vote of the said Town of Chelmsford

James Pitts Constable
of Chelmsford

Recorded by Eli F. Webster
Town Clerk

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Votes for Gov.

1837

Annual Election Nov. 13th 1837

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the thirteenth day of November, being the second monday of said month in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the revised Statutes, (Chapt 4. Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate Ballots given in, and the whole number of Ballots was two hundred and fifty three

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is required and were for the following persons

For Governor { Marcus Morton had one hundred and twenty eight
Edward Everett had One hundred and twenty two
Henry Williams had three

Alpheus Spaulding
Sherebiah Spalding
Benja Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest E F Webster Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov. 13th 1837

Commonwealth of Massachusetts —
At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor, holden on the thirteenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. —

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the revised Statutes. /Chapt 6. Sec 13/ by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was two hundred and fifty one

And the whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

For Lieut. Governor
William Foster had one hundred and twenty five
George Hull had one hundred and twenty three
Amos Farnsworth had three

Alpheus Spaulding
Shereboah Spalding
Benj^a Adams
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk

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Annual Election Nov. 13 1837

Vs for Senators

1837

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the thirteenth day of November, being the second monday of said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Middlesex. The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap 4, Sec 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number was — Two hundred and fifty four

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

For Senators

Nathan Brooks one hundred & twenty three
Stewart L Parks one hundred & twenty three
Levi Farwell one hundred & thirty six
Lilly Eaton one hundred & thirty six
Samuel B Walcott one hundred & twenty three
Leonard M Parker one hundred & twenty six
Reuben Baron one hundred & twenty four
Wm Livingston one hundred & twenty seven
Francis Bowman one hundred & twenty eight
Joel Fuller one hundred & twenty four

Attest E. L. Webster

Aphews Spaulding
Shemriah Spalding
Binjn Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov. 13th 1837

Town Representative

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote in Elections holden on the thirteenth day of November being the second monday in said month A.D. 1837 for the purpose of determining the number & choosing one or more representatives to the General Court next to be holden in Boston on the first wednesday of January next; the following proceedings were had

Voted to Choose one Representative to the next general Court. Proceeded to ballot for representative, and after sorting and counting the votes it was found that the whole number of ballots was 244 Necessary for a choice 123

Capt Shrebiah S Spalding had	121
Capt Solomon Adams	91
Wm Parker	26
Amos Byam	3
James Pitts	1
Charles Bent	1
Samuel P. Hadley	1

Voted that lights be brought in & that the voters bring in their ballots for one representative

After Sorting and counting the votes it was found that the whole number of ballots was 113. Necessary for a choice 57

Shrebiah Spalding had	78 votes
Solomon Adams	24
Wm Parker	8
Amos Byam	2
Charles Bent	1

And Shrebiah Spalding was declared duly elected

Recorded By E F Webster Town Clerk

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Town meeting Nov 13th 1837

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs legally warned & holden on Monday Nov. 13th 1837 the following votes were passed viz,

1st Chose Alpheus Spaulding Esqr Moderator

2d Voted to pass over the 2d article in the warrant for the present and take up the 3d article

3d & 4th Voted That the sum of Seventy dollars be appropriated from monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and placed in the hands of the School Committee to be used by them at their discretion in purchasing School apparatus for all the several Districts in said Town, and that they be likewise authorized to use the proceeds of the State School fund in addition thereto

Voted To take up the 2d Article

Heard the report of the committee appointed at a former Town meeting to repair the Middlesex road

Voted That said Committee defer all further action relative to claims for damages sustained from the Lock & Canal Company Lowell until the ensuing Spring

Voted That the said Committee notify Mr Tilden Agent of the aforesaid Company of the action of the Town on that subject

Voted To review the bounds and repair the Road from the Turnpike to Bloods Mills

Voted To choose a Committee to repair said road Chose the Selectmen said Committee

Voted To refer the 5th article in the Warrant to a Committee

Voted That the Selectmen be said Committee

Voted To choose a Committee of three to ascertain

Town Meeting Nov 13th 1837 Cont'd

the right and privileges of the Town in regard
to the old road from Moores Tavern to the
Stone post at the new road ——

Chose Deac. John Farwell — Capt James Pitts and
Capt Otis Adams said Committee —

Voted That so much of the 6th article as relates to
making repairs on the Turnpike be dismissed

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Elijahus Spaulding Moder
Eli F Webster Town Clerk

Recorded By E. F. Webster T. C.

(Nov. 27 1837)

Perambulation of Lines between Chelmsford and Lowell

Be it remembered that on this 27th day of November A.D. 1837 We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford and a Committee from the board of Aldermen of the City of Lowell by the appointment of the Selectmen of Chelmsford being the most ancient Town, Proceeded to view the lines & establish the bounds between the said Towns, pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed March 23d A.D. 1786. and the bounds between said Towns by us made are as follows viz —

Beginning at Merrimack river, at a Stone set in the ground on the south bank of the river 200 rods above the Pawtucket Canal & running South nine degrees east as surveyed by T. E. Adams this day, to a stone set in the ground on the East bank of the Middlesex Canal, ten rods north of the Bridge over said Canal near the house of Henry Coburn

Thence southeasterly on said Canal 20 rods to another Stone set in the ground on the same Bank — Thence running a due east course to a stone set in the ground on the west bank of Concord River, and ending at said river.

Joshua Swan } Aldermen of
Alex. Wright } the City of Lowell

Shenbiah Spalding } Selectmen of
Benj. Adams } Chelmsford

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Meeting March 5th 1838

Warrant —

Middlesex ss — To either of the constables of the town of Chelmsford — Greeting —

(L.S.) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the centre of said Town, on Monday the fifth day of March next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting

2d To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

3d To hear the annual Report of the committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and act thereon, and also the report of the overseers of the Poor

4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges, the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same —

5th To determine the manner of repairing the high-ways, Town-ways, and Bridges the ensuing year

6th To see if the Town will restrain Horses, neat Cattle, and Swine, from running at large within the limits of said Town, the ensuing year

7th To see if the Town will approve of the List of Jurors, prepared by the Selectmen —

8th To bring in their votes for County Treasurer

9th At the request of Isaiah Spalding and others, Inhabitants of School District No. 7. to see if the Town will divide their School District and act thereon

10th At the request of James U. Hadley and Willard Cummings; To see if the Town will pay their Bills for Doctors, Nurses and other expenses in consequence of the small Pox in their families and act thereon

(carried over)

2/4 (Warrant Cont.)

art. 11th Annual Town Meeting March 5th 1838
at the request of Benjamin Butterfield to see
if the Town will make him any compensation
for shutting up the Turnpike in consequence of
the small pox and act thereon —

12th To hear the report of any Committee appointed at
any former meetings and act thereon —

13th At the request of Bryant Emerson, to see
if the Town will make any alterations in the
road from Dea. Noah Spaldings to the
Half-way House and act thereon —

And you directed to serve this warrant by posting
up attested copies thereof at each of the 4 publick
meeting houses in said Town, and one at Moore's
Tavern, so that they shall stand over two Sabbaths
previous to the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return
of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the
Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting
aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this twenty second
day of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Stephen Spalding } Selectmen
Benja Adams } of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss } Town of Chelmsford Feby 24th 1838
Pursuant to the directions in the foregoing warrant
I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford
aforesaid, to meet at time & place therein directed
by posting up copies by me attested, so that the
same shall stand over two sabbaths previous to
said meeting

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Cont^d March 5^th 1838

Town of Chelmsford March 5^th 1838

Pursuant to a warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, legally qualified to vote in Elections & in Town affairs met at the Meeting House in the centre of said Town when the following proceedings were had to wit

Chose Capt Otis Adams Moderator

Chose Abel Hunt Town Clerk - who declined serving -

Chose Eli F Webster Clerk - who also declined - —

Chose Joseph Warren Jr Clerk - Mr Warren declined —

Voted To postpone the choice of Town Clerk indefinitely -

Voted To choose three selectmen

Chose Stephens Spalding Esq - Capt Sherbiah Spalding and Col Benj^a Adams. selectmen —

Voted Not to choose assessors separate from the selectmen

Chose Abel Hunt Town Treasurer

Voted To adjourn the meeting for thirty minutes

Met according to adjournment and

Voted To choose three overseers of the Poor

Voted To choose them on one ballott —

Chose Capt Sherbiah Spalding, Capt Jon^a Hodgman and Maj^r Isaiah Fletcher overseers of the Poor

Chose Capt S. Spalding, Capt Hodgman & Maj^r Manning overseers of the workhouse

Voted To take up the article in relation to

Voted To chose a school committee consisting of three & to be chosen on one ballott

Chose Eli F Webster Capt Francis C. Ritchie and Josiah Warren Jr - Mr Warren declined

Chose Capt Otis Adams one of the school committee in the place of J. Warren Jr

Voted To choose two Constables

Chose James Pitts for south end & John H. Young for north end

Voted To choose one field driver in each school District

Chose For Dist. No 1 - Saml Davis Esq — No 2 Capt John Butterfield No 3 - Joel B. Wright — No 4, Rowland Johnson — No 5 Josiah Byam — No 6. Benj^a Livingston — No 7 John Farrar

Annual Town Meeting March 5th 1838

Chose Mo. S. Benj'a Butterfield — Mo. G. Samuel Hywood.

Voted To choose three Fence Viewers

Chose Franklin Emerson — Charles Adams & Wm Tyler

Voted To choose Highway Surveyors in each highway District

Voted That the selectmen appoint the Surveyors of Highways

Voted To choose six surveyors of lumber

Chose Eli S. Webster — Eli P. Parker — Samuel P. Hadley —
Josiah K. Parkhurst — Hiram Bryant — Benj'a S. Chase

Voted To choose thirteen measurers of wood

Chose Samuel P. Hadley — Nezekiah Parkhurst — Nathan
Buttrick — Tho's S. Adams — Bryant Emerson —
Eben Adams Esq — Artemas Parker — Joel B. Wright
Henry Byam — Ephraim Adams — Franklin Putnam
Tho's Marshall and George Meader

Voted To add one more measure of wood

Chose Henry Bryant —

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime

Chose Artemas Parker and Amos Carlton —

Voted To choose five weighers of Hay

Chose Tho's Moore — Henry Bryant — Joseph Reed
Maj. Joseph Manning and Thomas Parker

Voted To choose a board of Health

Chose the Selectmen

Voted To add two Physicians to said Board.

Chose Dr. Paul Rittredge & Dr. Francis M. Rittredge

Read The report of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted To accept the report

Read The Report of the committee to settle with the
Town Treasurer

Voted To accept the report

Voted To raise fifteen hundred dollars for Town's
expenses $1500.00

Voted To raise five hundred dollars for the support
of the poor $500.00

Voted To raise one thousand dollars for the support
of Schools $1000.00

Voted That fifty dollars out of the above sum be divided
among the Small Districts at the discretion
of the selectmen

Annual Town Meeting Contd March 5th 1838

Voted To raise one thousand dollars for the support of High-ways and Bridges ——— $1000.00

Voted That the Highways - Townways & Bridges be repaired in the same way and manner as last year

Voted To dismiss the 6th article in the warrant

Read The List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen

Voted To accept said list

Voted To divide School District No. 7.

Voted That a committee of three be appointed to divide said district and establish the bounds thereof ——

Chose Capt Otis Adams - Capt Josiah Fletcher senior and Eli S. Webster said committee

Majr S. Manning - Capt S. Spalding and Capt A. Hodgman declined serving as overseers of the Poor & work House

Chose Capt John Butterfield - Capt Josiah Fletcher 2 and Ezekiah Parkhurst overseers of the Poor all of whom declined

Voted That the 10th article in the warrant for this present Meeting be referred to a committee with power to enquire into the situation of the families who have been afflicted with the small pox and hear the allegations, and enquire into the facts of the case and report the same to the Town at the next Town Meeting

Voted That the committee consist of three

Chose Ephraim Spalding Esq, Col. Benj. Adams and Deac Isaiah Spalding ——

Chose Ephraim Parker - Robert Richardson and Israel Putnam Overseers of the Poor (all accepted)

Voted To take up the 4th article again

Voted To raise four hundred dollars in addition to the former sum of five hundred dollars for the support of the Poor $400.00 ——

Voted That a sum not exceeding $100. dollars be appropriated for purchasing manure on the Poor Farm at the discretion of the Overseers ———

Annual Town Meeting cont'd March 5th 1838

Voted That the Eleventh article in the warrant be referred to the same committee & when the 11th article is refered and that they report thereon at the next Town Meeting

Read The report of the committee appointed at a former Town meeting to ascertain the rights of the Town in the old road from Moore's Tavern to the Stone Post at the commencement of the macroad

Voted To accept the report

Voted That the same committee be instructed to require Capt L. Drake to give bonds to free the Town from all responsibilities respecting the aforesaid road from where the Furnace lands commence to Moore's Tavern

Voted That the former committee on the Mill road be instructed to see that all obstructions on said road be removed, or to make such alterations in the laying out of said road as they may think the interest of the Town requires

Voted That the 13th article be refered to April meeting

The votes for County Treasurer being sorted counted and declaration thereof made in Town Meeting. The result was as follows

Whole number of ballots	163
For Stedman Buttrick	102
For Albert H. Nelson	60
For Lovell Flather	1

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Otis Adams Moderator
E. F. Webster Clerk

Recorded By Ed F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Cont^d March 5^th 1838

Votes For County Treasurer

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote in Elections, holden on monday the fifth day of March A.D. 1838 for the purpose of giving in their votes for County Treasurer for the county of Middlesex; The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the revised Statutes / Chap^t 4^th Sec. 13^th / by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was One hundred and sixty three — 163

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were for the following persons to wit,

Stedman Buttrick — one hundred and two votes — 102

Albert H. Nelson — Sixty votes — 60

Lovell Fletcher — One vote — 1

Eli F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Contd March 5th 1838

Report of Committee appointed to settle with the Town Treasurer

The committee appointed at the last April Meeting to settle with the Town Treasurer having attended to that duty submit the following report —

The Treasurer charges himself with

Cash received of Abel Hunt former Treasurer		$826.44
" Cash received of State Treasurer for Fox bounty		11.50
" Cash received of do do for Militia services in 1836		25.00
" Cash received of do do for first two instalments of Surplus revenue		2032.30
" Cash received of do do for militia service for 1837		90.00
" Cash received of do do for 3d instalment of Surplus Revenue		1025.90
" Cash received of Isaac Crooker Collector for 1837		2474.02
Amounting in all to		$ 6468.16

And he is credited

For Cash paid for bounty on foxes		$18.50
" Cash paid for Militia services		115.00
" Cash paid sundry Town and School orders and Treasury notes including interest		5776.87
Amounting in all to		$ 5910.37

Leaving a balance in the Treasury of $ 557.79

The committee further report, that in conformity to their instructions, they have "examined all books and papers connected with the Treasury" so far as was practicable with a view "to ascertain as near as possible the exact state of the finances of the Town" and the result of their examination is as follows to wit

Report of Committee

Annual Town Meeting Contd to March 5th 1838

There is due from the State Treasury
for Bounty on Foxes ——————— $ 14.00
Due from Collector of Taxes for 1834 — 57.00
Due from do do for 1836 — 124.59
Due from do do for 1837 — 456.86
Cash now in the Treasury ——— 557.79
Amounting in all to 1210.24

There is now outstanding orders on interest to the amount of } $ 1470.89
Orders not on interest " ——— 369.47
Balance on expenses of the Poor as by report of Overseers } 373.43
Amounting in all to $ 2214.19

Leaving a balance of immediate liabilities against the Town of } — $ 1203.95
To which add the amount of surplus money received from State Treasury } — $ 3048.20
And the Total liabilities over resources are — $ 4252.15

All which is respectfully submitted
By
E. F. Webster }
Paul Kennedy } Committee

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting cont^d March 5^th 1838

Report of Overseers of the Poor

"Report of the expenses for supporting the poor in the Town of Chelmsford for the year ending March 3^d 1838

To cash paid for grain	$155.06
To cash paid for Stock	47.00
To cash paid for supporting paupers out of Almshouse	80.26
To cash paid for sundry articles of provisions, clothing, Farming tools, and other necessaries for the use of the almshouse and Farm	411.10
There is due to Joseph Manning for money advanced at sundry times	173.13
There is due to Asa Hodgman 2^d for wood and timber standing	35.82
There is due to Joseph Reed for hired money	41.60
There is due to George K. Giddings for services as superintendent of the Almshouse	237.50
There is due to the overseers of the almshouse for their services	45.00
Amounting in all to	$1226.47

Cash Rec^vd for the proceeds of the farm	228.07
Cash received for Town Order	350.00
There is due from Nathaniel Carter	27.20
There is due from the Commonwealth	40.00
There is cash on hand	2.37
Total amount	$652.64

Leaving the almshouse in debt $573.83

The farm was in debt on march 1837 ... 150.84

The average number of Paupers at the Almshouse the past year was sixteen

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Sherebiah Spalding
Asa Hodgman 2^d
Joseph Manning
} Overseers of the Poor

Recorded by
Ed. F. Webster T.C.

Annual Town Meeting cont^d March 5^th 1838

Report of Committee on the Town's right in the old road from Moore's Tavern &c ———

The committee to whom was referred the article in the warrant for Town meeting held last november respecting repairs on the Middlesex Turnpike, have attended to that duty and beg leave to present the following report — Upon examining the situation of the old road where the Middlesex Turnpike crosses it, at or near the site of the old Bridge over Stony Brook the committee found the old bridge, nearly destroyed, some of the Abutment Stones were remaining They also found the old road obstructed by the Machine Shop belonging to the Heirs of Ira Gay deceased which stands nearly on the centre of the old road. On further examination your committee found several other Buildings within the bounds of the old road, which extends nearly to Capt Adams' Hay scales — The bounds of the old road are distinctly to be seen and there can be no doubt of their identity —

Your committee consulted counsel on the Town's rights and have a written opinion which accompanies this report — Your committee do not offer any opinion. They have confined themselves to a statement of facts

All which is Respectfully Submitted

Chelmsford March 2^d 1838

John Farwell
James Ritts
Otis Adams
} Committee

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 5th 1838 Continued

(Report of Committee on Surplus Revenue)

The committee that was chosen by the town at a former Town Meeting to invest the third and fourth instalment of the surplus Revenue would report as follows viz. The third instalment was recieved amounting to one thousand twenty five dollars 90/100 and as calls upon the Treasurer at that time were such that he must borrow money or put orders upon interest your committee thought it proper for the Treasurer to take this money to pay the then present demands on the Treasury excepting the sum of two hundred dollars — The committee were instructed by the Town to loan the money in sums not exceeding five hundred dollars in a place, secured by a mortgage on real estate but your committee in loaning the two hundred dollars ventured so far to depart from their instructions for particular reasons as to take as security an approved note with a good surety — The fourth instalment has never been, and will probably never be recieved

All which is respectfully submitted

By — John Butterfield
Otis Adams } Committee
Owen Emerson

Chelmsford March 6th 1838.

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 5th 1838 Contd

List of Jurors — Oct 31st 1837

The Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford at a meeting this day held for that purpose, have prepared a list of Jurors for said Town as follows.

Joseph Warren Jr	Ephraim Parker
William Parker	Jonathan M. Read
Sprake Livingston	Francis Richardson
Daniel Parker	William Adams Jr
Joseph Manning	Isaiah Spalding
Sherebiah Spalding	Amos Carlton
Asa Hodgman 2d	Otis Adams
Josiah P. Parkhurst	Elijah Richardson Jr
Hezekiah Parkhurst	Francis Bush
Samuel P. Hadley	Josiah Fletcher Jr
Joseph Bowers	
William Tyler	
Joel Rogers	

Chelmsford Oct 31st 1837

(Mathews Spalding) Selectmen
Sherebiah Spalding) of
Benjn Adams) Chelmsford

Read and accepted March 5th 1838

Recorded by E. Chelmsford Town Clerk

Town officers Chosen March 5th 1838

The following is a list of officers Chosen March 5th 1838 in the Town of Chelmsford of whom an oath is by law required - and the time when they severally appeared before the Town Clerk and took their respective oaths of offic

	Offices	Time of taking oath
Alpheus Spalding	Selectmen	March 5th
Shrebiah Spalding	and	" 5th
Benjn Adams	Assessors	" 5th
James Pitts	Constables	" 5th
John W. Young		" 5th
Abel Hunt	Town Treasurer	March 12th
Dist No 1. Samuel Davis		
No 2. John Butterfield		
No 3. Joel B. Wright		
No 4. Rowland Johnson	Field	
No 5. Josiah Bryan	Drivers	August 10th
No 6. Benjn Livingston		April 2d
No 7. John Farrar		
No 8. Benjn Butterfield		
No 9. Sarah F Wood		
Franklin Emerson	Fence	
Charles Adams	Viewers	
William Fyler		
E F Webster		
Eli P. Parker	Surveyors	March 13th
Samuel P. Hadley	of	16th
J. K Parkhurst		
Henry Bryant	Lumber	April 2d
Benjn F Oliver		

Town Officers Continued

	offices	when Sworn
Samuel P. Hadley		March 11th
Hezekiah Parkhurst		
Nathan Battrick		
Thos. F. Adams		
Bryant Emerson		March 9th
Elem. Adams Esqr		April 2d
Artemas Parker	Measurers	
Joel B. Wright	of	
Henry Byam		
Ephraim Adams	Wood	
F. Putnam		Jany 5th 1838
Thos. Marshall		
George Meeder		March 10th
Henry Bryant		April 2d
Artemas Parker	Inspectors	
Amos Carlton	of Lime	
Thomas Moore		
Henry Bryant	Weighers	April 2d
Joseph Reed	of	
Joseph Manning	Hay	
Thos. Parker		March 13th

Division of School District No. 7.

The Committee, appointed at a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, legally warned and holden on the 5th day of March 1838. for the purpose of Dividing School district No 7. in said Town, met according to previous notice at the house of Deac Isaiah Spalding, and after hearing the parties proceed to divide said district, and established the following bounds to wit

Beginning at the line which divides the Town of Westford and Chelmsford at the stone wall which is the boundary line between lands belonging to the Chelmsford Company and Levi F. Fletcher - thence running Easterly to a stake and stones at the end of the wall on the South side of the road, called the crooked Spring road, about 25 rods easterly of the house of John Farran - thence following said road to where it crosses the line dividing School district No 2. from district No. 7. The rest of the bounds to remain as before established.

The northerly section of said divided District to be known hereafter by the name of School District No 10.

The property in the School House and wood Shed and other moveable property belonging formerly to the district in common is still so considered -

March 10th 1838

Otis Adams
Josiah Fletcher } Committee
Eli G Webster

Recorded by E. G. Webster Town Clerk.

Election of County Commissioners April 2d 1838

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to vote in Elections holden on the second day of April A.D. 1838. it being the first monday in said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for county Commissioners for the county of Middlesex, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes / Chapt 4. Sec 13 / by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in and the whole number was one hundred and seventy eight for commissioners; and one hundred and seventy five for Special commissioners — And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed and were for the following persons to wit —

For Commissioners

Caleb Butler — Thirty seven votes
Abner Wheeler — Thirty nine votes
Simon Thompson — Fifty nine votes
John Clark — Sixty votes
Tyler Bigalow Eighty votes
Joel Fuller — Eighty votes
William Livingston Seventy nine votes
Stewart L Park — Forty votes
Timothy Fletcher — Fifty nine votes
Otis Adams — one vote

For Special Commissioners

Lilley Eaton — Eighty votes
Warren Nixon — Eighty votes
Timothy Prescott — Eighty three votes
William Livingston Twenty four votes

Election of County Commissioners April 2d 1838

Jonathan Hartwell -- Thirteen votes
Samuel Hitchcock 2d Fifteen votes
Paul Gerrish -- Forty seven votes

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen of
Shubiah Spalding } Chelmsford
Benjn Adams }

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Recorded in Town Meeting April 2d 1838
By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

N.B. For Warrant of the meeting under the authority of which the aforesaid votes were given in

See next page

Election of County Commissioners and Town Meeting

Warrant

Middlesex ss

To either of the constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the center of said Town on monday the second day of April next at one O Clock in the afternoon, to bring in their votes to the selectmen for three county commissioners on one ballot, and also for two Special Commissioners for the County of Middlesex; and also to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator
2d To fill all vacant Town offices
3d To choose a committee to make the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer
4th To take up the thirteenth article in the warrant for the last town meeting, (it being refered to this meeting) and act thereon
5th To hear and consider reports of any Committees appointed at any former meetings and act thereon.
6th To see if the Town will take measures to enlarge the centre Burying Ground, and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof agreeably to law and the vote of the Town

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant and your doings

Warrant continued

Thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this 22d day of March A.D. 1838

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Benjn Adams } of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 24th 1838. Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford as therein required by posting up copies thereof by me attested at each of the Publick Meeting Houses in said Chelmsford and one at the Tavern of Thos Moore so that the same may stand over two sabbaths being in accordance with the vote of the Town

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerke

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Town of Chelmsford April 2d 1838

In compliance with the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford legally qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the time and place therein specified, where and when the following votes were passed and proceedings had to wit

Chose Capt Otis Adams Moderator

Chose Charles Blood Surveyor of Lumber

Chose Charles Blood Measurer of wood

Chose Charles Blood Weigher of Hay

Chose Jefferson Loring Measurer of wood

Voted To defer choosing a Field Driver in Dist No 1. in place of Samuel Davis Esqr (deceased)

Voted To choose three additional Fence viewers

Chose Daniel Proctor Capt Paul Richardson and John Farrar

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Chose — Capt James Pitts Sealer of weights and Measures

Voted — To choose three overseers of the work house Those chosen at mark meeting having declined serving

Chose — Tephthah Parker Robert Richardson & Israel Putnam

The collection of taxes being set up at auction & the lowest bidder was bid off By Lovell Fletcher at 1 Cent and 6 mills on the dollar

Chose — Tephthah Parker collector of Taxes and his bid of 1 cent and 8 mills on the dollar was accepted

The — Conditions imposed on the collector of Taxes was then read and Mr Parker signified his acceptance thereto; and were as follows Viz

Conditions for the Collection of Taxes

The Collector is to recive nothing for collecting any tax which shall remain uncollected on the last day of February A D 1839, and he shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on or before the first day of may 1839 and give bonds to the acceptance of the Selectmen

Voted — To choose a Field Driver in Dist no 8.

Chose — Benjn Blood Jr

Voted — To choose a committee of three to appraise the property on the Poor or Town's Farm

Chose — Asa Hadleman 2d Capt Paul Partridge and David Perham said committee

Chose — Capt Otis Adams Eli F. Webster and Alpheus Spalding Esqr a committee to make the next annual settlement with the Town Treasurer

Voted — That the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer be instructed to examine and approve of all accounts against the Town, and the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, and Collector are directed to meet with said committee and give the said committee free access to all the Books and papers in their possession, and no

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accounts are to be passed or allowed wherein every item is not specified, and the said committee are required to meet some day in the week previous to the annual meeting in March next for the aforesaid purposes, and said committee are also required to give written publick notice (in such parts of the Town where the warrant for Town Meetings are posted) of the time & place appointed for holding said Meeting

Voted That the committee chosen to make the next annual settlement with the Town Treasurer be constituted a board of Auditors to audit the account of the Town the ensuing year

Voted That the said Auditors cause a schedule of all Bills concerning the expenses of the Town to be printed, and a copy of which to be distributed to each family in the Town

Chose Francis Richardson Field Driver for District No 7

Voted That the subject of the 4th article in the warrant for this meeting be refered to a committee with power to make such repairs and alterations as they may think necessary and report at some future Meeting

Chose The selectmen said committee

Heard The report of the committee appointed to make inquiries concerning the grievances of those families who have suffered by the Small Pox

Voted To accept the report

Voted That the sum of $136.00 be paid to Mr James V. Hadley, and $71.00 to Mr Willard Cummings in consideration of their suffering and loss by the small pox in their families

Heard The report of the committee relative to Mr Benj. Butterfield's claim for damages

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in consequence of shutting up the Turnpike

Voted — To accept the report which awards the said Butterfield the sum of twenty five dollars

Voted — To refer the 6th article to a committee of three

Chose — The Selectmen said committee

Voted — That the committee aforesaid report at the next Town Meeting

Voted — To dismiss the Meeting

Otis Adams Moderator

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town officers Chosen April 2d 1838

	Office	Sworn
Charles Blood	Surveyor of Lumber	April 2d
Charles Blood	Measurers of wood	" 2d
Jefferson Loring		" 2d
Charles Blood	weigher of Hay	" 2d
Daniel Proctor	Fence viewers	" 2d
Paul Kittredge		" 2d
John Farrar		" 2d
Benj'n Blood Jr	Field Drivers	April 2d
Francis Richardson		
Francis B. Parkin	Highway Surveyor	May 7th
Otis Bynon	Do Do	May 26th

Small Pox (Report of Committee)

The committee to whom was refered the fourth article of the warrant for the last Town Meeting, with instructions to enquire into the situation of the families that have been afflicted with the small pox, and hear the allegations, and to enquire into all the facts in the case, and report the same at their next meeting, have attended to that duty, and submit the following report

Your committee think proper here to insert in their report, the forty fifth section of the twenty first chapter of the revised statutes viz. Each town may at any meeting, make suitable provisions for the innoculation of the inhabitants [illegible] the cow pox under the direction of the board of health of each town or of a committee chosen for that purpose, and they shall raise all necessary sums of money, to defray the expenses of such innoculation, in the same manner as other Town charges are paid"

And by the authority as above, the Town at a meeting of the inhabitants on the sixth day of April 1835, voted that the selectmen be authorized to contract for the vaccination of all persons belonging to the Town, provided the same can be done at sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Also voted, and granted one hundred dollars for the expenses of vaccination as above stated.

In February 1838 almost three years after the above appropriation was made, there came charges of neglect for not carrying the above vote into effect and claims for damages against the town

Your Committee are of

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opinion that there has been a degree of negligence throughout the whole transaction.—

And first, we are of opinion that the town did not appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the doctors for the immediate accomplishment of the vaccination, and there being no time specified in the vote when they should accomplish it, it goes to infer that the town meant to give them their own time to do it, in the way of their practice.

2d It appears that the committee appointed by the town to carry the foregoing vote into effect did immediately take measures to do so, as the Chairman says he immediately applied to the Doctors Kittredge and Bartlett and agreed with them to do the vaccination as soon as they could conveniently, without any specifick time being set; this goes to infer, that the committe thought the town meant, that the Doctors should accommodate their own convenience in accomplishing it— your committee are of opinion that the office and duty of any committee appointed by the town for any specific business, does not expire till the business is accomplished, unless being discharged by the town, and that it was not only their duty to employ the doctors to do the vaccination; but that they ought to have taken some measures to ascertain whether they had done it.

3d There appears to have been a long delay in the Doctors from some cause or other, unknown to your committee in commencing the vaccination for it was almost a year, although being urged to, by the Chairman of the committee, before they made the division of the town and commenced the business and soon finding that the matter was not good they left off and did not commence again untill the next winter it being almost two years after the appropriation was made by the town then they continued untill, as they

said, they believed they had been to all the
houses in Town and vaccinated all the inhab-
itants and called on the selectmen in March
for their pay. —

And the selectmen personally knowing that
the vaccination had been in progress by the
Doctors through the winter, and after enquiring
of and hearing a statement from them that they
had been through the town, and had vaccinated
all of the inhabitants that wished to be, and
also if any escaped or had been neglected, that
they would vaccinate them without any charge
to the individuals or the town; and they, thinking
at the time that it was not necessary to make
any further enquiries, granted them their orders

But your committee think, there was a neglect
in the selectmen, and they now admit it, in that
they did not require a certificate from the
Committee that employed the Doctors; that
the vaccination was thoroughly done throughout
the Town, and the committee would have been
under the necessity of ascertaining by some means
or other, if any had been neglected —

The appropriation being made at a meeting of
the inhabitants of the town legally warned
for that purpose in April 1835 and the
vaccination being in progress through all
part of the town in 1837, it appears that
there is no excuse for any one's not knowing
who to apply to for it if neglected; and being
warned of their danger by the small pox
being in Lowell several times since the appro-
priation was made by the Town; your committee
think that those who were neglected by the
Doctors neglected a duty themselves, in not
notifying the competent authority for it until
the small pox had broken out in their families

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and almost three years after the appropriation was made ——

In regard to the liabilities of towns & [illegible] the expenses of the Small Pox, we refer you to the first section of the 224 Chapt of the Supplement to the revised Statutes; passed April 20th 1837, it being the only act now in force in relation to the Small Pox and all diseases dangerous to the Publick health, which is as follows (viz),

"Whenever any person coming from abroad or residing in any town in this State, shall be infected or shall lately before have been infected, with the Plague, Small Pox or any other diseases dangerous to the Publick health," the board of health of said town shall make effectual provision in the manner which they shall judge best for the safety of the inhabitants, by removing such sick or infected person to a separate house or otherwise and by providing nurses and other assistance and necessaries; which shall all be at the charge of the person himself, his Parents, Master or Guardian if able, otherwise at the charge of the Town to which he belongs; and in case such person is not an inhabitant of any town in this State, then at the charge of the Commonwealth ——

Mr Hadley says, that Doct. Ritteredge came to his [house] he thinks in March 1837 and vaccinated three of his Children and that two cases only took, and the other child had the small Pox

He says, he was not at home when the Doctor came and vaccinated his family, but his wife told him that the Doctor said that he would come again in eight or ten days to see if they took, and he says that he staid at home at the time set in order to be vaccinated himself; but he never came till the Small Pox broke out in his family ——

Mr Cummings says

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he was at home when Doct Kittredge come up and vaccinated Mr Bradley's family, that he had just come from Lyngsborough, where he had been to carry his wife and child, and that he asked the Doctr when he should come up again for he wanted to have him vaccinate his wife & child, and that the Doctor told him he should come up again in 8 or 10 days to see if it took in Mr Bradley's family, and then he would vaccinate his wife & Child. They came home in three or four days and Stayed at home, and his wife wished & expected to be vaccinated, but the Doctr never came till after she was taken of the small pox

These gentlemen say further, that the Doctr neglected fifteen other persons in that neighbourhood that Doctr Pierce vaccinated after the small Pox broke out — Wherefore they say, that by the neglect of the town authorities or their doctor they have been at all this suffering and expence with the small Pox — They also say, that if the town had not made the provision for the vaccination they should have had it done: Being apprised by their physician of their danger of neglecting it, they told him that the town had made provision for it, and as they paid their proportion of taxes in town they did not want to pay him for doing it — Wherefore they think, that in right and justice the town ought ought to pay them some part of their expensis, of which, the bills they have brought in against the town, do not contain one half of their actual expenses — Doct Francis M Kittredge says that he had been to every house in school district No. 8 excepting J. J. Fletchers and offered them the vaccination, previous to the

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time of the small pox's breaking out in Mr Hadley's family. He says there were three families that would not have it although he urged them very strongly to do so. He admits that he did not go to every house twice within 8 or 10 days, he says he did not think himself bound to do so, as there was no time set in the contract with the town's committee when the vaccination should be accomplished. He says he endeavoured to vaccinate all as soon as he could conveniently, and that he thought he had done, [so] as he repeatedly gave notice that if any had escaped, if they would let him know it he would attend to it, that he had no notice or complaint of neglect till the small pox broke out in Mr Hadley's family; on hearing of which he immediately went up and vaccinated & revaccinated all that he could find that wished it, through the neighbourhood without any charge —

In regard to what Mr Cummings says about their conversation at Mr Hadley's, he says he has no recollection of, and he don't think he ever saw him before his wife had the small pox

It appears that Dr. Pierce was the attending Physician in these families previously, and at the time when the small Pox was announced to the board of health.—

With regard to Dr. Pierce's authority to present his bill against the board of health, the law provides that the board of health shall provide Physicians &c. and that at the first interview of Dr. Pierce with the board of health, Dr. Bartlett says, that Dr. Pierce asked him if the board of health meant to change the Physician, and he answered that he did not, as far as his opinion went, and [seemed] the board of health did not, and also

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Stated that he doubted their authority & do so & their right & make any change

Your committee are of opinion that the board of health did not employ the Physician and even if they had employed him, we are of opinion that it would not have made the Town liable to pay his bill by law: For we are of opinion that each of them are able to pay their bills; although, under all circumstances it may appear to them & be a hard case for them to pay them. — Your committee are of opinion that the Town is not liable by law, to pay any bills relating to this case ——

But Mr Hadley and Mr Cummings are good citizens of the same Town and society with us and they help pay our publick burthens — Mr. Hadley and his family have suffered greatly besides the necessary expenses —

Mr. Cummings, exclusive of his expenses has met with a loss, that can not be made up to him with money.

Therefore under all the above circumstances we recommend these Gentlemen to your favourable consideration

All which is respectfully submitted

Chelmsford April 2d 1838

Alpheus Spalding
Benja. Adams
Isaiah Spalding
} Committee

Accepted by the Town April 2d 1838

Recorded by Eli F. Webster Town Clerk

Report of Committee on Shutting up the Turnpike

The Committee, to whom was refered the 11th article in the Warrant for the last town Meeting, have attended to that duty and report —

It appears to your committee on making enquiries and hearing a Statement from Mr. Butterfield that in December last, he entered into a Contract with the agent of the Turnpike, Mr. Clark, as follows

Viz. Mr. Butterfield was to put the Turnpike in Good repair, and he was to have all the tolls for one Month and then he was to keep it in repair and collect the tolls for one half, and that he went on and made the repairs and within three or four days after the board of Health shut up the turnpike on account of the small pox at the damage of him as he says of more than twenty dollars, but he will release all claim, as for the consideration of twenty five dollars. —

The 10th Article of the constitution provides that "whenever the publick exigencies require that the property of an individual should be appropriated to the publick uses, he shall receive a reasonable compensation". —

That the board of health had a right to Shut up the turnpike and that it was the best course they could take, under all circumstances then pending, your Committee have no doubt, and that this was the taking of private property for publick use

Therefore we are of opinion that Mr Butterfields demands are reasonable and that his claim is good against the town — Your committee therefore reccommend to the town to pay Mr Butterfield twenty five dollars for damages for Shutting up the turnpike on account of the Small Pox —

All which is respectfully submitted

By — Alpheus Spalding
Benjn Adams
Isaiah Spalding
} Committee

Town Meeting, May 7th 1838

Warrant

(L.S.) Middlesex ss.

(L.S.) (L.S.) To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in Elections & in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in the centre of said Town on monday the seventh day of may next at two O'Clock in the afternoon, To give in their votes to the selectmen for two County Commissioners on one ballot and also for one Special Commissioner for the County of Middlesex; and also to act on the following articles viz.)

1st To choose a moderator

2d To hear and consider reports of any committees appointed at any former meetings & act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof agreable to law and the vote of the Town —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon to ourselves at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this twenty sixth day of April A.D. 1838

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Shereiah Spalding } of
Benjn Adams } Chelmsford

Officers Return on the foregoing

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford April 27th 1838

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford as within directed & for purposes within named by posting up copies

by me attested at each of the publick Meeting Houses & at the Tavern lately kept by Thos Moore all in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand over two Sabbaths at least previous to the time appointed for said meeting being in accordance with the vote of the Town.

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Fees
4 Copies & travel
$2-00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to vote in Elections holden on the 7th day of May A.D. 1838 being the first monday of said month for the purpose of giving in their votes for two County Commissioners and one special Commissioner for the County of Middlesex, The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (c. hapt 4 sec 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number was Eighty four

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed and were for the following persons to wit —

For Commissioners

Caleb Butler had Twenty four votes
Abner Wheeler had Twenty three votes
Joel Fuller had Thirty four votes

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Election of County Commissioners
William Livingston had thirty two votes
Leonard M. Parker had twenty seven votes
Stephen Pope had twenty five votes
For Special Commissioners
Lilley Eaton had Twenty one votes
Warren Nixon had Thirty two votes
Elias Temple had Twenty seven votes

Stephens Spalding
Shenbiah Spalding } Selectmen
Benjn Adams } of Chelmsford

Attest E F Webster Clerk

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clk

Town of Chelmsford May 7th 1838

Pursuant to warrant the Inhabitants of said Town Met at the centre Meeting House on the 7th day of May 1838 at 2 O'clock P.M. when & where the following proceedings were had to wit ——

Chose Capt Otis Adams Moderator
Heard the Report of the Committee concerning the center Burying Ground
Voted To accept the Report
Voted To reconsider the preceding vote & accept &c
Voted To adjourn the meeting for Town business for 30 minutes for the purpose of viewing the Ground recommended in said report to be added to the center Burial Place ——
Met according to adjournment and
Voted To accept the report as aforesaid
Voted That the aforesaid Committee be instructed to close the contract with Mr David Dickinson agreable to there Report & take a Deed of said Land for the Town —

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Voted To Choose a committee of one to enclose said ground with a wall

Chose Capt John Butterfield

Voted to adel one more to said committee

Chose Daniel Parker

Voted To adel another to said Committee

Chose Bryant Emerson

Voted That the Committee be instructed to build a good & sufficient stone wall where it may be necessary, and dig a trench & fill up with small stones, so that the frost shall not operate on said wall; and repair the old wall, & remove the cross wall, & use the stones that will answer in building the new wall; and that whoever shall engage to build the new wall shall be required to take all the stone from the land enclosed by said wall ——

Voted The letter of Capt Lincoln Drake relating to the Town's right in the old road through his land

Voted That the Town Clerk be instructed to record the letter of Lincoln ~~Drake~~ Capt James Reed to the Chairman of a committee Chosen by the town to investigate the town's right in relation to the obstructions on the old road, and put the letter on file ——

Voted To Dismiss the meeting

Chs Adams Moderator

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

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Report of Committee on Centre Burying Ground

The committee to whom was referred the sixth article of warrant for the last town meeting, "to see if the town will take measures to enlarge the Centre Burying Ground" have attended to that duty and submit the following report —

Your committee on examination found a piece of land adjoining the west end of the Burying ground containing about 3/8 of an acre belonging to Mr David Dickinson which he offers to sell for one hundred & ten dollars, together with a good & sufficient passageway from the road unto the west end of the yard for ten dollars, on condition that the town shall build & maintain all the fence —

This piece of ground is, for the most part suitable for digging graves, and will be sufficient for a great number of years — Although the price may seem to be extravagant — Mr Dickinson is desirous of selling his land, & there is a probability that he may sell it to some person, of whom it will be difficult for the town to purchase it at any price, at a time when it may be wanted —

We also took into consideration the expediency of moving the wall in front of the Burying ground, and taking in a part of the common, and we think there are some objections to that Course

We think that if the common is diminished to any great extent, it will injure the prospect of the place; it will obstruct the passage way around the back side & west end of the meeting House, also to the horse sheds & the hearse house; and that, as water stands on the common in the spring of the year to a considerable depth, it is not suitable for a burying place without filling it up with gravel, or draining it, which would probably cost, together with the expence of moving and

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putting up the wall & gates, as much, or more, than it would to purchase Mr Dickinson's land —

Whereas, as it is our desire, as well as our duty, to promote the convenience, happiness and prosperity of future generations; and as we believe they will have the same desire to be buried in the same yard with their long train of connections that we have. We recommend the town to reserve the Common for the convenience & consideration of future generations —

Your Committee, therefore, under the foregoing considerations, further recommend to the town to purchase Mr Dickinson's piece of land to enlarge the Center Burying Ground —

All which is respectfully submitted

Chelmsford
May 7th 1838

Asa Johnson Spalding
Shubael Spalding
Benj. Adams
} Committee

Recorded by E. S. Wilson Town Clerk

(Capt L. Drake's Letter)

Boston April 27th 1838

James Pitts Esqr

Dear Sir — I have been full of business since you was at my counting room at Chelmsford, and have not had time to take into consideration the vote of the town — I however do not wish to take any advantage of the town, neither do I wish them to take any advantage of me

I know I am a benefit to the town, and I wish them to act as candid men — I should think that if I made the following Statement it would be all that they would ask. that is, whenever the town are deprived, or about to be deprived of a road where the turnpike now is, I stand ready to move my buildings or prepare some other place for the road where it shall not cost any more to build than it would to go in the old road —

I do not wish to trespass on the town's rights I have purchased the premises, and the building was put as it appears on the town's land. I am willing to pay the town all that any jury of disinterested men shall say, or will move my buildings, or prepare some place for a road as soon as necessary —

Should wish to have you call up next Friday in the A.M. if convenient —

Respectfully your Obt Svt

Lincoln Drake

Recorded according to vote of the town

by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Election of County Commissioners and Town Meeting June 11th 1838

Warrant

L.S. Middlesex ss. To either of the constables the
L.S. Town of Chelmsford in said county
L.S. Greeting 3

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the centre of said Town on Monday the Eleventh day of June next at three O'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes to the selectmen for two County Commissioners on one ballot, and also for one Special County Commissioner for the County of Middlesex. And also to act on the following articles Viz.—

1st To choose a Moderator
2d To take into consideration the notice served upon the Town by the County Commissioners of their laying out widening & straightening the road from Deac. Isaiah Spaldings to Josiah Richardsons and also discontinuing a piece of old road leading from the house of Asa Stevens to the road leading from the School House to Harlow's Mills. Said roads prayed for by Deac. Isaiah Spalding and others, and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of this warrant agreeably to law and the vote of the Town

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon unto ourselves at the time & place of Meeting aforesaid —

Given under our hands & seals

Warrant Continued ——

this thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and thirty eight

Alpheus Spalding
Sherebiah Spalding } Selectmen
Benjn Adams
of Chelmsford

Officers return on the foregoing Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford June 1st 1838 Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford as therein directed by posting Copies thereof by me attested at each of the publick Meeting Houses and at the Tavern lately kept by Thomas Moore so that the same may stand over two sabbaths previous to the time appointed for said meeting being in accordance with the vote of the town

James Pitts Constable
of Chelmsford

Town of Chelmsford June 11th 1838

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said Town met at the time & place therein specified when & where the following votes were passed & viz

1st Chose Alpheus Spalding Esqr Moderator

2d Voted to Chose a committee of three to oppose the road specified in the 2d article in the Warrant

Voted to chose said committee by nomination

Chose Capt Wm Fletcher Jr David Perham and Capt James Pitts said Committee

Voted to dismiss the meeting

Alpheus Spalding
Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Election of Commissioners June 11th 1838

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote in Elections holden on the eleventh day of June A.D. 1838 being the second monday in said month for the purpose of giving in their votes for two County Commissioners and one Special commissioner for the County of Middlesex in said Commonwealth. And the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes / Chapt 4. Sec. 13 / by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in and the whole number was forty eight

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made in open Town Meeting as is directed in the Constitution and were for the following persons As wit

For Commissioners

Caleb Butler had nineteen votes
Abner Wheeler had nineteen votes
Joel Fuller had twenty votes
Jesse Fox had twenty votes
Stephen Pope had nine votes
Timothy Butterfield had nine votes

For Special commissioner

Lilley Eaton had nineteen votes
Warren Nixon had twenty votes
Elias Temple had nine votes

Alpheus Spalding } Select-
Sherbiah Spalding } men of
Benjn. Adams } Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster
Town Clerk

Recorded by E. F. Webster T. C.

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Election of Special Commission July 16th 1838

Warrant

To Phillips Fitz

Either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court to meet at the Centre Meeting House in said Town on monday the Seventeenth day of July instant at four o'clock P.M. to give in their votes for the Selectmen for a Special County Commissioner

And you are directed to serve this Warrant as made by law and the vote of the Town

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to said Selectmen at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this second day of July A.D. 1838

William Spalding
Shereburn Spalding
Benjn Adams
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Officers Return on the foregoing Warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford as therein directed by posting copies of this warrant (by me attested) at each of the public Meeting Houses and at the Tavern stands kept by Wm Bowers so that the same may stand over two Sabbaths at least previous to the time appointed for holding said meeting being in accordance with the vote of the Town of Chelmsford aforesaid

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Fees $2.00

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Election of Special Commissioner

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to vote in Elections holden on the sixteenth day of July A.D. 1838 being the second monday of said month for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Special Commissioner for the county of Middlesex in said Commonwealth

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (chapt 4th Sec. 13th) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number was ten votes

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made in open town meeting as is directed in the constitution and were for the following persons to wit

Otis Adams had nine votes
Timothy Butterfield had one vote

Alpheus Spaulding
Shubael Spalding
Benjn Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clk

Election of Special Commissioner Aug 20th 1838

Warrant

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford - Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote for Representatives in the general Court to meet at the centre Meeting House in said Chelmsford on monday the twentieth day of August instant at four o'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Special County Commissioner

And you are directed to serve this warrant agreeable to law and the vote of the Town

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this third day of August AD 1838

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Sherebiah Spalding } of
Benja Adams } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Aug. 10th 1838

I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford to meet as required in the warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publick meeting houses & at the tavern lately occupied by Thomas Moore all in Chelmsford aforesaid so that the same may stand two Sabbaths at least previous to the time therein appointed, being in accordance with the vote of said Town

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Ass Clerk

Election of Special Commissioner Aug. 20th 1838

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified to vote in Elections holden on the twentieth day of August A.D. 1838. for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Special Commissioner for said County of Middlesex and Commonwealth aforesaid — The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the revised Statutes (Chapt 4. Sec 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in and the whole number was Seventeen

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made in open Town meeting and were for the following persons to wit,

Capt James Ritt of Chelmsford had seventeen votes

Attest Thaddeus Fletcher
Jonathan V. Fletcher
Benja Adams
Selectmen of Chelmsford

E. F. Wright Clerk

Annual Election Nov. 12th 1838

Warrant

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required legally to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Meeting house in ~~the~~ centre of said town on Monday the twelfth day of November next at eleven O'Clock A.M. being the second monday of said month, to bring in their votes as the Selectmen for a Governor Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth, and for nine Senators on one ballot for the County of Middlesex. And also to bring in their votes for a Representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the fourth District

And also at the same time & place to determine the number & choose one or more representatives to the next General Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

And you are likewise required to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on the said day and at the same place at nine O'Clock A.M. to act on the following articles to wit

1st To choose a Moderator

2d By the request of the committee to build the Osgood road (so called) to see if the town will pay Mr Benjamin Chamberlain interest on money for building said road before the time it was accepted by

Annual Election Nov. 12th 1838 Cont'd

Warrant Cont'd

The County Commissioners and act thereon

3d — To see if the Town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen by the request of Robert Richardson and act thereon

4th — To hear & consider any report of any committees that have been appointed at any former meetings and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof agreeable to law & the vote of the Town

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time & place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this thirtieth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight

Alphens Spalding } Selectmen
Shereiah Spalding } of
Benjn Adams } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford Nov 1st 1838

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford to meet at the time & place therein named, and for purposes therein expressed by posting up copies thereof by me attested at each of the publick Meeting Houses & at the Tavern Lately kept by Thomas Moore all in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand two Sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding said meetings, being in accordance with the vote of the Town of Chelmsford

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov. 12th 1838

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the twelfth day of November, being the second monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant of said Commonwealth - The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chapt: 4, Sec. 13,) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was

two hundred and seventy one

- And the whole number of votes given in for Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons -

For Governor { Marcus Morton had one hundred and forty six — 146

{ Edward Everett had one hundred and twenty five — 125

Annual Election Nov. 12th 1838 Contd

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the twelfth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the revised Statutes, (Chapt. 4, Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was

two hundred & seventy one

And the whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons ——

For Lieutenant Governor

Theodore Sedgwick had one hundred & forty five — 145

George Hull had one hundred and twenty six — 126

Annual Election Nov. 12th 1838 Cont.

(State Senators)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. ss.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors holden on the twelfth day of November, being the second monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex: The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4. Sec. 13.) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was ——

two hundred & seventy —

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons ——

Leonard M. Parker had one hundred & forty four 144
Joseph W. Hansen had one hundred & forty four 144
Thos. S. Greenwood had one hundred & forty four — 144
George Robbins had one hundred & forty four — 144
Bowen Buckman had one hundred & forty four — 144
Sidney Willard had one hundred & twenty six — 126
Stuart S. Park had one hundred & twenty two — 122
Lilley Eaton had one hundred & twenty five — 125
Samuel B. Walcott had one hundred & twenty six 126
Samuel Chandler had one hundred & twenty six — 126
Thos. Hopkinson had one vote —— 1

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for representatives in the general Court, holden on the twelfth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for District Number four

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 4, Sec. 13,) in counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was two hundred and seventy

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed - and were for the following persons

William Parmenter had one hundred and thirty six votes ——— 136

Nathan Brooks had one hundred & twenty five votes ——— 125

Amos Farnsworth had four votes ——— 4

James S. Woolbury had three votes ——— 3

Levi Farwell had two votes ——— 2

(Town Representatives)

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At Town of Chelmsford Nov. 12th 1838 (11 o'clock A.M.)
Pursuant to a warrant the inhabitants of the town
of Chelmsford qualified to meet in Elections
assembled at the Centre Meeting house in said
town when & where the following proceedings
were had - to wit -

1st After reading the warrant & no objections as to
the legality of the meeting being made,
the 3d Chapter and the 11 first Sections of the
4th Chapt. of the revised Statutes were read
by the Clerk

2d Voted to Choose two representatives to the
next general Court -

3d Balloted for two representatives on one ticket -

4th The whole number of ballots given in for representatives were two hundred and seventy six - 276
necessary to a Choice - 139

5th The whole number of ballots being then sorted counted
and declaration thereof made it was found that
Capt Shercbiah Spalding had one hundred and
forty five votes — 145

Amos Carlton had one hundred and
fifty two votes — 152

Joseph Warren Jr had one hundred and
twenty two votes — 122

Deac. Noah Spalding had one hundred and
Eighteen votes — 118

Owen Emerson had two votes — 2

Otis Adams had two votes — 2

E. F. Webster had one vote — 1

James Pitts had one vote — 1

William Fletcher Jr had one vote — 1

Capt Shercbiah Spalding and Amos Carlton
were declared duly elected

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Attest Shercbiah Spalding } Selectmen
Benjn Adams } of
Chelmsford

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town of Chelmsford Nov. 12th 1838

Pursuant to a warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs met the Centre Meeting House at the time therein designated, when & where the following votes were passed to wit:

Chose Capt Otis Adams Moderator

Voted that the contractors for building & constructing the Osgood road (so called) to wit Messrs Chamberlain & Smith be allowed interest on the balance due them at the time said road was accepted by the County commissioners, from the date of their certificate of acceptance

Voted To accept the report of the selectmen laying out a road near Mr Robert Richardsons as therein described - (see book of roads page 88)

Voted To adjourn the meeting for one half hour

Voted To dismiss the meeting for town business

Otis Adams Moderator

E. G. Walton Clerk

(School District No. 10 organized)

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford

We undersigned being residents & who pay taxes in School District number ten in said Chelmsford hereby request you to issue your Warrant to such one of the undersigned as you may deem proper directing him to warn the inhabitants of said District to meet at such time and place in said District as you may deem expedient to organize said district; to choose the necessary District officers: to take the necessary steps for hiring or building a school house & obtaining a suitable teacher, and to transact such other business as may come before them

Wm W. Calvert
Thomas G. Farwell
Christopher Roby
John Farwell

Warrant

Middlesex ss

To William W. Calvert one of the freeholders making the above application.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of School District no. 10 in the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the House of John Farwell in said Town on Thursday the thirtieth day of August instant at 6 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles mentioned in the annexed application

(foregoing)

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
2d To choose a Clerk for said District
3d To choose a prudential Committee-man for said District, pursuant to a vote of said town and such other committees as the district may think proper.
4th To see if the District will build a School house

or hire some suitable house for keeping school in said District, and purchase necessary utensils for the same

5th To vote such sums of money as may be thought sufficient for the foregoing purposes

6th To prescribe the mode of warning future meetings of said District

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by notifying personally, every inhabitant of said District qualified to vote in town affairs, or by leaving at his place of abode, a written or printed notification expressing the time, place & purpose of said meeting, seven days at least before the time appointed for the same

Hereof said notified and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the said meeting at the above time & place —

And the Clerk who shall then and there be sworn & sworn, is directed to make a further return of the same to us at our office

Given under our hands & seals this twenty-ninth day of August A.D. 1835

(Silas Spaulding) Selectmen
(Nehemiah Spaulding) of
(Benj^a Adams) Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

No 10.

No 10 District Organized (continued)

Chelmsford August 30th 1838

Agreeable to a warrant issued by the Selectmen of Chelmsford the inhabitants of said town resident in School District No. 10 met and transacted the following business —

1st Voted and Chose William N. Talbot Moderator

2d Thomas G. Farwell was chosen & qualified as Clerk

3d Voted & Chose Isac Lohn Farwell Prudential Committee

4th Voted to hire some suitable room for keeping School in said District

5th Voted that the school meetings of District No. 10 be warned either in a publick manner or by personally warning each one in said district 7 days at least before said meeting

6th Voted to dismiss the meeting

Recorded by D. F. Webster town Clerk

Congressional Election Dist No 4

Warrant

Middlesex ss } To either of the constables
} of the town of Chelmsford

Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required, legally to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote for representatives in the general court of this Commonwealth, to meet at the ~~Meeting~~ house in the centre of said town on monday the seventeenth day of December inst at eleven O'clock A.M. to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one representative that is an inhabitant of Congressional District No. 4. to represent them in the Congress of the united States of America for the term of two years, from the fourth day of march, 1839

And you are likewise required to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on the said day and at the same place and time to act on the following articles

1st To chuse a moderator

2d To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to petition the county commissioners, provided the rail road corporation should refuse to erect gates and provide an agent to tend them at the Rail Road crossing near Amos Whitney's and act thereon

Nov 17. 1838

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, agreeable to law and the vote of the town

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to our selves

Congressional Election Dec. 17th 1838
at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this sixth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight

Mathews Spalding } Selectmen
Shubiah Spalding } of
Benjn Adams } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Dec 7th 1838
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford to meet as therein required by posting up copies thereof in attested at each of the public meeting houses & at the tavern in said town by causing Thos Moore in Chelmsford aforesaid so that the same may stand two sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding said meeting, being in accordance with the vote of the town

James Pitts Constable of
Fees $2.00 Chelmsford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to vote for representatives in the General Court, holden on the seventh day of December being the third Monday of said month in the year one thousand eight hundred & ~~nine~~ eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for District No. 4.

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the revised Statutes (Chapt 4. Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was Two hundred and twenty

and the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and said for the following persons

Nathan Brooks - one hundred and twelve votes 112
William Parmenter - ninety seven votes - 97
James F Woodbury seven votes - 7
Levi Farwell - five votes - 2
Amos Farnsworth - Two votes - 2

Town Meeting Dec 17th 1838

Town of Chelmsford Dec. 17th 1838

Pursuant to warrant, the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time & place therein designated & the following votes were passed

1st Chose Cyphus Spalding Esqr Moderator

2d Voted that it be left discretionary with the Selectmen, either to petition the County Commissioners or not as they may think expedient, in case the rail road corporation shall refuse to erect gates &c at the rail road crossing near Amos Whitneys

3d Voted to dismiss the meeting

Cyphus Spalding,
Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Perambulation of Town lines
(Chelmsford & Tyngsborough)

Be it remembered that on this twenty second day of November A.D. 1838 the subscribers, Selectmen of the towns of Chelmsford and Tyngsborough having met by appointment of the said Selectmen of Chelmsford the most ancient said towns, proceeded to run the lines and renew the bounds between the said two towns pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed March 23d 1786 and the bounds between the said towns by us renewed are as follows to wit

Beginning at a large stone near merrimack Falls, marked T & C. Thence running westerly to a stone monument on the west side of the great road near Jacob Ridder's house marked T & C. Thence southerly by said road on the westerly side thereof to a stone monument on the westerly side of said road near Josiah Chamberlain's house marked T & C. Thence south 44° west fifteen rods to a stone monument marked T & C. Thence north 53° west sixty rods to a stone monument marked T & C. Thence north 22° west fifty rods to a stone monument marked T & C. Thence west 9° south twenty rods to a stone monument marked T & C near the [illegible] Thence north 72° west seventy two rods to a stone monument on the westerly side of the [illegible] road so called marked T & C. Thence south 70° west thirty nine rods to a stone in the edge of the swamp marked T & C and a stone post standing by the side thereof marked T & C. Thence west [illegible] rods to a stone monument marked T & C. Thence north 34° west one hundred and twenty rods to a stone monument on the east side of Meadow marked T & C on the easterly side of Chelmsford road so called

Simon Thompson
Timothy Butterfield
Nathaniel Bennett
Selectmen of Tyngsborough

Abram Hall
Benja. Adams
Selectmen of Chelmsford

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Renumbulation of lines between Chelmsford & Westford

Be it remembered that on this twenty third day of November A.D. 1838 the subscribers, Selectmen of the towns of Chelmsford & Westford, having met by appointment of the selectmen of Chelmsford the most ancient of said towns, proceeded to run the lines & renew the bounds between the said towns pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, passed March 23d A.D. 1786 and the bounds between said towns by us renewed are as follows (viz)

1st A Stone marked W.S.C. in Tyngs' meadow

2d A Stone marked C.W. at the northwest corner of a wall on land of Robert B. Chamberlain

3d A heap of Stones on a ledge of rocks in the woods about 15 rods north of a small pond hole

4th A Stone marked W.C. east of the house of Andrew Fletcher & near land of Otis & Samuel Howard

5th A Stone marked C.W. near the house of George Sherlow

6th A Stone marked C.W. near the house of Thurston Haskell

7th A Stone marked C.W. east of Samuel Richardson's near the wall

8th A Stone marked C.W. about 40 rods south of Stephen A. Reyes'

9th A Stone marked C.W. on Jacob Osgood's land by the road leading from Chelmsford to Westford

10th A Stone marked C.W. east of Elial Heywood's house

11th A Stone marked C.W. opposite the house of Asa Fiskdrew

12th A Stone marked C.W. on widow Heywood field

13th A Stone marked C.W. on land of Artemas Farrell & nearly west of his house

14th A Stone marked C.W. on the west side of Pond plain road

Perambulation of [illegible] Line

15th A Stone marked C.W. east of the house of Thomas Hutchins

16th A Stone marked W.C.C. at Carlisle line, east of Lucia Bowman's house

Hadelens (Blodget) Selectmen
George Harlow } of
Obed Fletcher } Westford

Thos Spalding } Selectmen
Benj's Adams } Chelmsford

Chelmsford and Carlisle

Be it remembered that on this twenty fourth day of November A.D. 1838 the subscribers, Selectmen of the towns of Chelmsford and Carlisle having met by appointment of the Selectmen of said Chelmsford, being the most ancient of said towns, proceeded to run the lines between the said towns, pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth, passed march 23d 1797 and the bounds by us renewed between said towns are as follows, viz.

1st A Stone marked W.C.C. in a field of Oliver Hutchins, making the Southwest corner bound of Chelmsford & northwest corner of Carlisle

2d A Stone marked C.C. near an old wall running north & south in the meadow of Daniel Proctor

3d A Stone marked C.C. on land of Nathan Blood west of Jacob Blodgett's house

4th A Stone marked C.C. on the west side of the road west of said Blodgett's house

5th A Stone marked C.C. about 4 Rods east of said road

6th A Stone marked C.C. on wood's rail of fence

(Carlisle)

Peramulation of Town lines Contd

Proctor about 20 rods east of the Brook
A Stone marked C.C. on Danil Proctors field
A Stone marked C.C. on the pasture of Capt
Zacheus Wright, about 20 rods westerly
of the road leading from Rhoda Crosby's
to George Sawyers
A Stone marked C.C. about 2 rods east of
the road
A Stone marked C.C. east of the road
leading from Jonathan Parkers to Joshua
Parkers
A Stone marked C.C. about 40 rods north
of Benjamin Baldwins house
A Stone marked C.C. in Woodland of Eleaz
Adams east of said Baldwins house
A Stone marked B.C.C. in the Town's
meadow at Billerica line

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Thaddeus Spalding } of
Billerica

Calvin Wood }
Benj. P. Hutchins } Selectmen of
Carlisle

Recorded by Wm Wheeler Town Clerk

Congressional District No 4
Election Feb 4th 1839
Warrant

Middlesex ss } To either of the Constables of the
town of Chelmsford Greeting }

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required legally to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote for representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet at the meeting house in the centre of said town on monday the fourth day of February next at twelve o'clock at noon, to give in their votes to the selectmen for one representative, that is an inhabitant of Congressional District No. 4 to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America, for the term of two years, from the fourth day of March, 1839

And you are likewise required to notify the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on the said day, and at the same place and time to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To hear the report of the selectmen, in regard to causing gates to be erected across the rail road near Elias Whitney's and act thereon — to do so if the town will cause the new part of the burying ground to be laid out into squares and make a passage way to it and act thereon.

3d And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, agreeable to law & the vote of the town —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our Hands & seals this twenty fourth day of January in the

Congressional Election Dist No 4.

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year eighteen hundred and ~~thirty~~ nine

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Benjn Adams } of
Chelmsford

Middlesex ss } Town of Chelmsford Jany 26th 1839

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford aforesaid as therein required by posting copies thereof by me attested at each of the publick meeting houses and at the tavern lately kept by Thomas Moore so that the same may stand (at least) over two sabbaths, being in accordance with the vote of the town

James Pitts Constable of
Chelmsford

Congressional Election Feby 14th 1838

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for representatives in the genral Court, holden on the fourth day of February, being the first monday of said month, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a representation of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for District Number four

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the revised Statutes, / Chapt: 4. Sec. 13/ by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was two hundred and fifty one

And the whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by law is directed - and were for the following persons

Wm Parmenter one hundred & twenty seven
Nathan Brooks one hundred & fourteen
James F. Woodbury six
Levi Farwell four

Alpheus Spalding
Sherebiah Spalding
Benj[a] Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Town Meeting, Feby 4th 1839

Town of Chelmsford Feby 4th 1839

Pursuant to a warrant the inhabitants of said town met at the Meeting house in the centre of the town aforesaid at the time therein designated when & where the following votes were passed to wit)

1st Chose E. F. Webster Moderator

Read the letter of Mr Clerk, the agent of the rail road corporation concerning the erection of gates at the crossing near Amos Whitneys —

Voted that the committee to whom was referred the 2d article in the warrant for the town meeting of December 17th 1838 be instructed to require the directors of the Nashua & Lowell rail road corporation to put up gates at the crossing of the rail road & County road near Amos Whitney Esqr ——

Voted To refer the 3d article in the warrant for this meeting to a committee of Three

Voted To choose said committee by hand vote

Chose Capt James Pitts Eli F. Webster & Wm Fletcher jr Said Committee

Voted To instruct the committee aforesaid to level & smooth off the ground in the new part of the centre burying ground, and lay it out in ranges of suitable width with alleys for the convenient passage to each range, and also to widen the gate near the School house and make a passage way through the old part of said burying ground to the new

Voted That said Committee be likewise required to cause stone steps to be laid from the old yard to the tombs, as near the centre as conveniently may be

Voted To dissolve the meeting for town business

E. F. Webster Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster town Clerk

Annual Meeting March 4th 1839.

Warrant

L.S.) "Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the town
L.S.) of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Meeting House in the centre of said town, on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine O'Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing

3d To hear the report of the committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and act thereon

4th To hear the annual report of the overseers of the Poor and act thereon

5th To give in their votes for County Treasurer

6th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year; and make appropriations of the same

7th To determine the manner of repairing the highways town-ways, and Bridges the ensuing year

8th To see if the town will restrain horses, neat cattle and Swine from running at large within the limits of the town the ensuing year.

9th To hear the report of any committees appointed at any former meetings and act thereon

10th To take into consideration the second section of an act entitled "An act concerning Schools" passed April 13th 1838 in regard to School Committees & select & contract with the Teachers, for all town & district Schools, and act thereon

11th To see if the town will take measures to widen and build a piece of road, agreeable to an order of the County Commissioners on the Petition of Isaiah Spalding & others & act thereon

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Warrant Contd

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And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publick Meeting houses in said town, and one at Clifford's Tavern, so that they may stand not less two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord ~~eighteen~~ hundred and thirty nine

Stephen Spalding } Selectmen
Benjn Adams } of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford Feby 22d 1839

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford to meet as therein required by posting up copies thereof by me attested at each of the places therein directed "so that the same shall stand two sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding said meeting"

James Pitts } Constable of
" } Chelmsford

Adjourned town Meeting, March 4th 1839 cont.d

Town of Chelmsford March 4th 1839

Pursuant to a warrant from the Selectmen, the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs met at the centre Meeting house in said town on the 4th day of March 1839 when & where the following votes were passed and proceedings had to wit.

Chose James Pitts Esq.r Moderator

Chose Eli.r G. Webster Town Clerk who was duly sworn by the moderator in open town meeting

Voted To choose three Selectmen on separate ballots

Chose Capt Otis Adams Selectman

Chose E.G. Webster do

Chose Epaphras Parker do

Chose Abel Hunt Town Treasurer

Voted To take up the 4th article in the warrant viz to see what sum of money the Town will raise to pay the Overseers of the Poor and also the report of the committee appointed to appraise the property on the towns farm & alms House

Voted That the items be produced which compose the sum of $1835.14 due to Israel Putnam

Voted To accept the report of the overseers of the Poor

Voted To choose 3 overseers of the poor on one ballot

Voted To choose a committee of five by nomination to prepare a list of candidates for Overseers of the Poor

Chose John Butterfield, Daniel Parker, David Perham George Richardson, & Dr Paul Kittredge said committee

Voted To adjourn the meting 1/2 an hour

Voted To choose a School Committee of three, & that the votes be given in on one ballot (first according to adjournment)

Chose Eli.r G. Webster, Otis Adams and Alpheus Spaulding School committee

Voted To choose two constables

Voted To choose the one for the north end of the town first

Chose Luke H. Young Constable for the north part of the town

Chose James Pitts Esq.r Constable for the South part

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Voted To choose a field driver in each School District

Chose In Dist. No 1 - B. F. Adams - No 2 John Butterfield
No 3. Joel B. Wright - No 4 Joseph Adams jr -
No 5. Otis Bryant - No 6. Benj's Livingston -
No 7. John Fanar - No 8. Benj's Blood jr -
No 9. Thomas Parker - No 10 - Leonard C. Sanborn

Voted To choose three Fence viewers

Chose Franklin Emerson. Charles Adams and
William Tyler

Voted To choose highway surveyors for each high-
-way districts

Chose Joseph Reed - John Butterfield - Elphalet
Hunt - Charles Swett - Thos L. Marshall
Josiah Spalding - Asa Hodgman 2d -
Wm C Pacman - Benj's G. Bean -
Daniel Proctor - highway Surveyors -

Voted To choose ten Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Lovell Flutcher - Eli B. Parker - Ed F. Wilson
Saml P. Hadley - Wm Swett - Saml F. Wood -
Henry Bryant - Josiah C. Parkhurst - Thomas
Marshall and B. F. Adams -

Voted To choose thirteen Surveyors of Wood

Chose Josiah Parkhurst - Saml P. Hadley - Ephraim
Loring - Bryant Emerson - Franklin Putnam
Joseph Reed - Amos Bryant - William Bullock
Elias Hatch - John F. Bryant - Benj's Haywood
Josiah Livingston and Wm Adams -

Voted To choose ten inspectors of Lime

Chose Thomas Parker 2 Thomas Spalding

Voted To choose five weighers of Hay -

Chose Thomas Parker - Joseph Reed - Elbridge
Adams - Marcus Thomas & Benj's Adams Esq

Voted To choose a board of Health

Chose The Selectmen & Doctors Saml P. Hadley and
Francis C. Putnam

Annual Town Meeting March 11th 1839

Chose Daniel Parker, Joseph Manning & Joseph Barnes Overseers of the Poor and Alms House —

Voted To take up the 5th article in the warrant

The whole number of votes given in for County Treasurer was one hundred and two which 102 votes being sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made were as follows

County Treasurer

Steelman Buttrick of Concord had one hundred and two votes — — — — — 102

Took up the 3d article in the warrant again

Read The Report of the Committee appointed & make the annual Settlement with the town Treasurer —

Voted To accept the report.

Voted To assess the sum of Sixteen hundred dollars for town's expenses — $1600.00

Voted To assess the sum of one thousand dollars for the support of the Poor — — — $1000.00

Voted To assess the sum of one thousand dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year — $1000-00

Voted That $75.00 of the School money be divided and apportioned among the smaller districts at the discretion of the Selectmen — —

Voted To assess the sum of Eight hundred dollars for the support of the Highways, townways & Bridges the ensuing year

Voted To dismiss the 4th article in the warrant.

Read The report of the committee on Dea. N. Parker's road

Voted To accept the report

Read The Report of the School Committee —

The Selectmen and Assessors all appeared and were sworn in open town meeting by the Moderator

Voted That the Prudential Committees of the several School districts be, authorized, and the same hereby are authorized to select and contract with the teachers in their respective districts —

Annual town Meeting, March 4th 1839

Voted That the 11th article in the warrant be referred to a committee

Voted That the said committee consist of two —

Chose Alpheus Spaulding & Isaiah Spalding 2nd

Alpheus Spalding Esq having declined serving as one of the School committee it was

Voted That the choice of a School committee man to fill the vacancy occasioned by the above declension be deferred until April —

Voted To chose a committee of three to make the annual settlement with the Treasurer —

Chose Otis Adams. E. F. Webster and Alpheus Spaulding said committee

Voted Collection of taxes was then set up at auction and bid off By Rufus Byam at, 018 Ct mills on the dollar

Voted To chose a Collector of taxes

Chose Jeshbiah Parker said Collector his bid being 1 Ct 19 mills on the dollar

Conditions obligatory on the Collector of taxes to wit — "The Collector to receive nothing for collecting any tax which may remain uncollected on the last day of Feby 1840 — and he shall make a final Settlement with the Town Treasurer on or before the first day of May 1840 and give bonds to the acceptance of the Selectmen" —

The foregoing conditions being read Mr Parker the collector signified his acceptance thereof

Voted That the committe appointed concerning the erection of Gates at the rail road crossing be reinstated in their offices & duties & that the instructions formerly given them be repeated —

Voted To dismiss the Meeting — James Rice Moderator

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Reports of the several Committes who reported
March 4th 1839

Report of the committee to
Settle with the Treasurer

The committee appointed at the last April meeting
& settle with the Treasurer, having attended to that
duty submit the following Report

The treasurer charges himself with
Cash Recived of Owen Emerson, former Treasurer ... $ 55.79
" Recived of C. Abbott & D. Dickinson for interest on their note ... 7.00
" Received of Shereliah Spalding from the county commissioners on account of Cogswood road ... 20.00
" Received of State Treasurer on account of school fund ... 37.90
" Received of Isaac Crooker collector for 1837 ... 170.31
" Received of State treasurer for bounty on foxes ... 31.00
" Received of Jeremiah Parker collector for 1838 being the whole amount commited & him for collection ... 3460.71
" Received of Isaac Crooker collector for 1836 ... 62.00
" Recived of do do do for 1837 ... 27.55
Amounting in all to ... $ 4798.26

And is credited for
Cash Paid for Bounty on foxes ... $ 17.00
" Paid for Bounty on wheat ... 6.65
" Paid for Militia services for 1838 ... 80.00
" Paid Sundry town orders & interest ... 4127.46
Amounting in all to ... $ 4231.11
Leaving a balance in the treasurers hands of ... $ 567.15

Chelmsford March 2d 1839

Otis Adams
E. F. Webster
Alpheus Spaulding
} Committee

Assented to
Abel Hunt Treasurer

(turn over)

Report continued

Agreeably to the instructions of the town the Committee append the following statement of the financial concerns of the town, viz't

There are outstanding orders due from the town on interest amounting to $1,927.93

Orders not on interest ——— 333.81

Balance against the town for support of Poor ——— 524.89

Amounting to $2785.93

There is due from the State Treasurer

For bounty on wheat $6.65

" Military Services — 80.00

Due from town Treasurer — 567.15

Amounting in all to 653.80 which deducted from the amount due from the town leaves a balance of $2132.13 against the town

Otis Adams } Committee
E. F. Webster }

Recorded By E. F. Webster Clerk

Report of the Overseers of the Poor March 4th 1839

A report of the expenses for supporting the poor in the town of Chelmsford for the year ending March 2d 1839.

To cash paid for provisions, clothing, farming tools, and other necessaries for the use of the alms-house and farm — $445.09

To cash paid for Stock purchased for use of the alms-house — 279.85

To cash paid Joseph Reed for boarding & nursing Mr Walker while confined at his house with a broken leg — 55.00

Due Dr Paul Kittredge & son for doctoring Mr Walker — 12.00

Due to Israel Putnam for cash paid at sundry times — 305.14

Due to Dr Paul Kittredge & son for visits at the alms-house — 50.12

Due to George Harriman for services as superintendent of the alms house 46.00

Due to the Overseers of Poor for their services — 45.00

To cash paid for bills due March 3d 1838 — 541.73

Amounting to — $1885.93

Cash rec'd for proceeds of the farm — $162.22

Cash rec'd for town orders — 100.00

Cash received from State for the support of State paupers in 1837 — 27.75

Cash received for Stock sold — 238.50

Due from the State for support of paupers in 1838 — 28.07

Due from the town of Burlington — 41.50

Amounting to — $136.64

Amount expended — 1885.93

Amount received — 136.64

Balance against the town — 524.89

The average number of Paupers at the alms-house the past year have been fifteen —

All which is respectfully submitted by

Joseph Nath Parker } Overseers of the
Israel Putnam } Poor of the town
Robert Richardson } of Chelmsford

The expenses of this year amount to $1338.20 —

Recorded by C. F. Webster Cl.

(March 4th 1839)

Appraisal of personal Property & Farm house

We the subscribers, a committee appointed by the Town of Richmondsford at their annual town meeting in April 1838 for the purpose of appraising the personal property of the town farm, We have attended to that service & present the following Schedule of said property viz

1	Pair oxen	$120.00	Amt Brot up		$488.12
5	Cows at $30	150.00	25 Mill Logs		10.50
1	Horse	50.00	1 Hay cart body		1.00
34½	Tons Eng. Hay	48.75	1 Sleigh & harness		5.00
2	Do	27.50	1 running part of Lumwaggon		4.00
1	Hay forks	2.00	1 Wheel barrow		2.00
3	Manure forks	1.50	2 Cart Iron Ploughs		9.25
1	Grab. 2 narrow hoes	.25	1 Grind-Stone		1.50
2	Good hoes 2 poor do	1.00	2 Wedges 2 Beetles & rings		.40
1	Iron shovels	1.20	1 Ladder		.20
1	Spade do	1.00	4 Axes		3.00
1	Manure rake	.50	1 Hand Saw		1.00
1	Draught chains	5.00	9 Fowls		3.00
1	Pair Traces back & belly band	1.50	Lot Oak Lumber		3.00
	Iron horse fetters	1.00	23 Cord wood cut for fire		52.00
2	Iron Bars	2.25	2 Swine		19.50
1	Setting Rule	.25	24 Iron		3.50
3	Scythes & Snaths	1.50	2 Bush. Turnips		.30
1	Bush Scythe	.50	20 Bush Potatoes		6.00
5	Baskets	1.75	13½ Bbls Cider		16.87
2	Half bushel, peck & half peck	.50	15 Cider Bbls		6.30
1	Crane	.63	6 Flour do		.75
4	Bush Calcined beans	4.75	4 Dry casks		1.50
1½	[illegible]	.75	5 Tartrum Pail & bag grease		2.30
7	Bush Corn	7.87	Soap & tub		2.50
45	Lbs Lard, Meat	11.25	55 lbs pork & Barrell		12.32
2	Grain Sheets	5.25	6 lb Codfish 57 lbs Dry fish		3.25
1	Broke & rigging	1.00	7 Gals Molasses		1.60
1	Ox Sled	3.00	1 Cupboard & safe		1.50
1	Harrow	2.00	Salt & Pickles		.07
2	Stone Sinkers	2.00	7 Bush Oats 2 dish tubs		1.50
	Amt Carried up	488.12	Amt Carried up		$924.11

Amount Brot up	13.99
2½ Bush. Rye meal	2.50
3½ Indian meal	4.15
2 ½ Lines Linen, Cotton	1.00
3 Bush Salt	1.50
2 Bread Trays	.50
1 Apple sauce tub	.75
1 Coal Furnace	.37
with sundry Dry casks &c	1.00
Shoemakers tools & last	2.00
Bucket tub & churn	1.75
1 Barrel & vinegar	2.00
13 Beds & bedsteads	47.00
15 ½ cotton Sheets	11.87
24 ½ Pillow cases	2.55
16 Blankets	8.00
21 Quilts & comforters	31.00
1 Tin Jalow roller	2.00
19 Tin pans 30 earthen do	5.25
Part of a Barrel Flour	3.75
425 lbs Lard	7.50
4 Pails, 6 tin ware	1.40
1 Coffee mill	.70
4 Butter Boxes	.66
2 ½ bags 50 cts dried Apples 40 cts	.90
1 Brass Kettle	5.00
Lot hollow ware	1.50
2 Spid Irons	1.00
2 Tin pudden	.35
Amt Carried up	13.99

3 Iron fire setts	3.50
1 Clock	6.50
1 Case Drawers 1 Chest	3.25
4 Trunks	4.00
10 Tables	1.60
1 Glass Lantern	.50
2 Looking Glasses	.75
Crockery & Glass ware	4.50
2 Brass candle sticks	.40
4 Iron do do	.17
2 Board-Seats	1.50
1 Rocking Chair	1.25
30 old chairs	1.80
Lot Pewter	1.00
2 prs Bellows	.20
1 Hearth Brush	.12
1 Curry comb & brush	.25
1 Nail hammer	.14
1 mark board	.12
1 Hand saw	.75
1 Dust Pan	.12
1 pr Steel-yards	.50
6 Axe handles	.30
3 Augers	.75
1 hatchet Draw knife 2 chisels & file	.55
5 Bibles 2 Hymn books	2.25
1 Ox cart	25.00
Total amount	374.53

The above is respectfully submitted to
Isa Hodgman 2d
Paul Rutledge } C/S Drawers
David Botham

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Report of the Committee concerning the road from Dea. N. Spalding's towards Lowell

The Committee that was appointed on the (1839)
thirteenth article in the warrant for the last month meeting
in this town was at the request of Bryant Emerson, to see
if the town will make alterations in the road
from Dea. Noah Spalding's to the half way
house being instructed by the town to make
such alterations as they thought necessary, submit
the following report —

Your Committee at an early day went on to the
road, and after examining it came to a conclusion
what alterations was necessary to be made; and made
the bounds for the alterations, and applied to the
proprietors of the lands over which the said alter-
ations were to be made, for their proposals for damages
they would sustain by reason of said alterations —

But we were not able to get their proposals
untill October — We then found that their pro-
posals at their lowest terms would amount to
the sum of about one hundred and fifty dollars

We, therefore, thinking that the town was not
aware of such an expense for land when they ordered
the alterations, come to a conclusion not to proceed
to make the alterations, untill we informed the
town of the expense they would incur —

All which is respectfully submitted

Chelmsford March 4th 1839

Mathews Spalding } Committee
Benj[a]. Adams }

Recorded by E. F. Wheeler Town Clerk

Town officers chosen March 4th 1839
of whom an oath is by law required

Eli F Webster — Town Clerk — sworn March 4th 1839
B. F. Adams
E. F. Webster — Selectmen — all sworn March 4th 1839
Ephraim Parker — Assessors
Abel Hunt — Town Treasurer

Joseph Reed — sworn March 16th by J. Pitts Esq
John Butterfield — " " 16th by do
Ebenezer Hunt — sworn March 9th
Charles Swett — Surveyors of Highways — sworn March 6th by James Pitts Esqr
Thomas Marshall
Josiah Spaulding — sworn April 1st
Asa Hodgman 2d — sworn March 9th
Wm R. Cochran — sworn March 6th by James Pitts Esqr
Benjn F Abear — sworn March 9th
Daniel Proctor — sworn March 21st

B. F. Adams
John Butterfield
Joel B Wright
Joseph Adams 2d — Field
Eli Bryant — sworn March 9th 1839
Benjn Livingston — Drivers — sworn May 20th
John Farrar
Benjn Blood jr
Thos Parker
Leonard C Sanborn

Franklin Emerson
Charles Adams — Fence viewers
Wm Tyler

Artemas Parker
Ebenezer Spaulding 3d — Inspectors of Lime

(Officers Chosen march 4th 1839 Continued)

Lovel Patten — Sworn March 7th
Elias Pullen
Jas S. White
Saml S. Hadley — Sworn March 4th
Wm Swett — Surveyors of Lumber — Sworn March 6th by James Pitts Esq.
Saml G. Wood — Sworn March 6th by James Pitts Esq.
Henry Byam
Josiah K. Parkhurst
Thos L. Adams — Sworn March 8th
Thos Marshall

Joel Parkhurst
Saml S. Hadley — Sworn March 4th
Jefferson Loring — Sworn March 7th by James Pitts Esq.
Bryant Emerson
Franklin Putnam — Surveyors of Wood — Sworn Sept 23d
Joseph Reed
Amos Byam
Nathan Butrick
Elias Pullen
John H Young — Sworn March 4th
Benjn Haywood
Drake Livingston
Edem Adams Esqr

Thomas Parker
Joseph Reed
Thos L. Adams — Weighers of Hay — Sworn March 8th
Marcus Thomas
Benjn Adams Esqr — Sworn March 8th

(April 1st 1839)

Town Meeting and Congressional Election

Warrant

Middlesex ss. To either of the constables of the town of Chelmsford in said County - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in Elections to meet & assemble at the Meeting house in the Centre of said town on Monday the first day of April next at twelve O'clock at noon then and there to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to Congress for District No. four, the Poll to be opened at half past one O'clock

Also to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the above named time & place to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting —

2d To fill all vacant town offices —

3d To hear the report of any Committees chosen at any former town meeting and act thereon —

4th To see if the town will accept of a town way laid out by the selectmen from the county road to the house of Isaac Parkhurst or act thereon —

5th To see if the town will order the expenses of the town for the ensuing year to be assessed

6th To see if the town will order that an entire copy of the warrant for future town meetings be posted at the North Chelmsford Meeting house

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof seven days at least before the day of the meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the time & place of said meeting

Given under our hands and seals

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at Chelmsford this twentieth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Otis Adams
E. F. Webster
Leonard Parker
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 22d 1839

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford as therein directed to meet as therein required by posting up copies thereof by me attested at each of the publick Meeting Houses & at the Tavern kept by Clifford so that the same shall stand over two sabbaths previous to the time of holding said meeting, being in accordance with the vote of said town —

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Congressional Election April 1st 1839

Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the first day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the congress of the United States, for District Number four. —

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4, Sec. 13,) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was

three hundred and seventy seven —

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed — and were for the following persons

Nathan Brooks had one hundred and thirty one
Wm Parmenter had one hundred and twenty seven
James S Woodbury had six votes
Amos Farnsworth had one vote
Henry M Chamberlain had one vote
One Ballot was cast for Marcus Morton
Theodore Sedgwick Leonard M Parker Joseph
W. Mansur Thos F Greenwood & Geo. Robbins
& Warren Buckman

(Attest)
E. H. Webster } Selectmen of
Lefferiah Parker } Chelmsford

Attest: E. H. Webster Town Clerk

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Town Meeting April 1st 1839

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs legally held on monday the first day of April A.D. 1839 the following votes were passed to wit:

Chose Otis Adams Moderator

Chose Joseph Warren jr School committee in the place of Phineas Spalding (declined)

Read The Report of the Selectmen on laying out a road from the Drum hill road to Joel Parkhurst house

Voted To accept the report

Voted That the Selectmen cause the expenses of the town for the ensuing year to be printed in the same form as last year & to include the expenses of the Poor & farm

Voted To choose a committee of three to appraise the Property at the Alms-house & farm

Chose Asa Hodgman 2d Dea Paul Kittredge and David Perham said appraisers

Voted That an extra copy of the warrant for future town meetings be posted at the North-Chelmsford Meeting-house

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Otis Adams Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Report of the School Committee

The first section of an Act entitled "An Act concerning Schools" passed April 13th 1838 makes it the duty of the School Committee "to make a detailed report annually, in the months of Feby. March or April, of the condition of the several public schools in their respective towns, designating particular improvements & defects in the method & means of education, and stating such facts & suggestions in relation thereto, as in their opinion will best promote the interest and increase the usefulness of said schools"

In conformity thereto the committee submit the following

Report

The condition of the schools in the several districts the past year may be chiefly ascertained by the following tabular Statement, exhibiting the number & length of schools in each district, the whole number of scholars attending each school, & the average attendance, together with number of pupils engaged in each branch of studies attended to in each school

District	Schools	Length of Schools in weeks	Whole No. of Scholars	Average Attendance	Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Algebra	Teachers
No. 1	Summer	18	60	50	17	12	21	43	6				Female
	Winter	9	42	37	16	4	29	32	4	—	—	—	— Female
	Winter	9	36	26	28	24	6	36	3	6	4	1	2 Male
No 2	Summer	10	20	16	This School had nearly ceased to keep, they registers were removed. Consequently no Statement can be made of the No. of Scholars attending & each branch of studies								Female
	Winter	4½	23	14	10	3	8	15		2			Female
No. 3	Summer	10	42	36	not known	13	13	19	4				Female
	Winter	11	53	49	29	19	12	31	4	2	2		Male
No. 4	Summer	11	30	26	5	4	13	19	3	3			Female
	Winter	8½	46	37	24	10	16	32		3			Male
No. 5	Summer	12	22	15	5	2	4	9	3				Female
	Winter	6	31	28	17	8	13	17	3				Male
No 6	Summer	6⅓	11	10	5	2	3	4					Female
	Winter	6	15	14	13	6	8	13					Male
No 7	Summer	10	13	11	5	3	2	1	1				Female
	Winter	5⅓	22	21	13	8	4	11	2	1	1		Male
No 8	Summer	16	62	The register was kept only one month & that in the spelling Consequently nothing further can be said here									Female
	Winter	12	65	45	41	31	8	25		1			Male
No 9	Summer	15	64	45	9	14	12	27	1				Female
	Winter	8	73	60	29	15	28	39				3	Female
No 10	Winter												Female

(Report continued)

In order that the condition of the several schools may be as fully comprehended as circumstances will admit, a few remarks on each District are appended

Respecting District No. 1 the committee feel pleasure in having an opportunity to state that there has been a gradual (but at the same time, a very perceptible) advancement in the general appearance & standing of the schools for the 3 last years; owing, probably in part to the modes of teaching adopted by the instructors, (being more on the Classification System) but more particularly to the division of the winter school into two parts and employing a female teacher to take charge of the younger classes in a separate apartment.

It will be seen by recurring to the tabular Statement, that the difference between the whole number of Scholars attending the schools in this district and the average attendance (particularly in the summer school & in that kept by the male teacher in the winter) is unreasonably large: which goes to show that there must have been great irregularity in the attendance of, at least some of the Scholars. This is an evil greatly to be lamented in as much as its effects are not confined to those who are thus irregular in their attendance but are felt more or less sensibly throughout the whole School — But notwithstanding this & some other causes which have operated as a check to the advancement of the schools in this district, it must in justice be admitted that the recitations at the last examinations were decidedly the best that have been exhibited for several years —

The school in district No. 2 is very small and consists of children mostly under 12 years of age; on this account it has been intrusted for the 2 last years to a female teacher, summer & winter — Notwithstanding which the progress in the branches taught (considering the length of the school) will not suffer by comparison with any other School in town. And in Orthography, especially

among the smaller classes, it excels all others - This is undoubtedly owing to the method adopted by the teacher of giving short lessons, and requiring each scholar to spell the whole lesson in turn, & not suffering any lesson to be passed over until every word was correctly spelled by every pupil in it.

On district No. 3 no particular remark seems to be necessary, farther than that the good character which the schools have acquired within a few years, has been fully sustained the past year -

The school in district No. 4, as it regards the punctuality, the emulous, ambitious spirit of the scholars, collectively, has been for several years justly considered one of the first in town - This trait in the character of the school may doubtless, be attributed in part to the inhabitants being more stationary; but more especially to the practice of the Parents and others attending the examinations more punctually than in most other districts - The recitations at the last visitations of the schools in district the past year were generally good - In the summer some very choice Specimens of composition were exhibited - In the winter, the reading & spelling was rather indifferent, but the first classes in grammar & Geography manifested a higher degree of correct, practical knowledge than the Committee have witnessed in any school the past year -

The number of scholars in Distr. No. 5 have considerably diminished within 2 or 3 years, but in point of character the school stands much higher than formerly - The exhibitions at the close of the schools the last year, disclosed that there had been intense application on the part of both teacher and pupils; and also that there existed a laudable ambition among the scholars which augurs well for the future -

In commenting on the progress of the schools in District no. 6 the Committee regret to state that they feel bound to make a distinction between the Summer

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and winter terms. They do not doubt the literary capacity of the teacher of the summer school, although she was not examined, nor did they know of the commencement of the school until it had kept 2 or 3 weeks: But either through want of tact, or ambition, or some other cause, but little improvement was manifested. In the winter the progress in the branches taught was as great as could be reasonably expected, in the short term of 6 weeks In intellectual Arithmetic & in Geography the improvement appeared rather more than ordinary.

District No. 7 having been recently divided in order to form a new district & accommodate the factory village, the schools (formerly small) are of necessity very short and consist of few scholars.

The general deportment of the scholars has ever been considered exemplary, and the expectations consequently formed, have the past year been fully realized, and the committee feel bound to add that several of the scholars are deserving of particular commendation for their industry and the perseverance with which they have pursued their studies the past winter.

As the winter school in District No 8 is not yet closed, all observations concerning it are necessarily deferred till a full meeting, excepting that the difficulties which have arisen in that school, having been recently adjusted, must materially affect the usefulness which otherwise might have been anticipated from it. And as the register was imperfectly kept in the summer, all that can be said here is, that the general appearance & performance of the school at the close were good.

The committee regret to say that the exhibitions at the close of the winter school in District No, 9 did not meet the expectations which were formed from its favourable appearance at the commencement.

The prepossessing appearance of the teacher, his

alledged experience, and other manifestations of skill in his profession; together with the fact of his having a female assistant, led them perhaps to anticipate unreasonable results. But, however this may be, the only branches exhibited were, Reading, Geography & Arithmetic. The answers to the questions in practical Arithmetic were prompt and amply disclosed that the progress in the theory of that science had been great, and also that a permanent foundation had been laid for practical purposes. But in Intellectual Arithmetic, Reading & Geography, the improvement, in the opinion of the Committee was quite limited. It appeared that writing & E. Grammar had been entirely omitted after the first & second weeks, and that although the register bore testimony of their being engaged in Algebra, yet on examination it appeared that the commencement & abandonment of that study bore nearly even dates. With regard to the Summer school in this district, the Committee have but few remarks to make, excepting that the end thereof was better than the beginning. The school commenced without any examination of the teacher & kept several weeks, the exact time is not now recollected, before they were apprised of the fact. On learning which they visited the school & found it very deficient in order & arrangement. But on examination, the teacher's literary acquirements were not found wanting, and the school at the close made a more decent appearance.

District No. 10 having been recently organized, and being composed almost exclusively of a small manufacturing village which is yet in its infancy, & having not yet had time & make the necessary provisions to establish schools on a permanent foundation; no detailed statement can be made concerning the schools in this district.

The Committee have no knowledge of there being any school kept the past Summer. There is a small school now keeping under the charge of a female teacher which appears to be in successful progress. x

x Since closed with manifestations of having been successfully conducted strongly

Report continued /

The committee feel bound by the terms of the Act, which has called forth this report, to make some suggestions respecting certain existing defects in the means of education; and on the present occasion they will confine themselves principally to School-Houses. One very prominent defect, to which, perhaps, nearly all districts are more or less obnoxious, consists in the contracted size of School-houses. But it is not considered that the schools in this town taken in the aggregate, suffer anything in this respect, compared to the awkwardness of their construction.

The houses in Districts Nos. 1-2-3-4 & 8 are as faultless perhaps as school-houses generally are in a country town. No. 1 needs some essential repairs, and it is believed that if some alterations were made in the construction of the seats & the method of warming the house, the benefits would be essentially felt. Nos. 3 & 4 are in good repair and especially no. 4 very conveniently constructed. For Districts Nos. 5 & 7 the houses are by far too small besides being intolerably inconvenient & out of repair: and in the opinion of the committee, ought to be rebuilt on a large scale & entirely different plan. It is also believed, that the inhabitants of district no. 6 would find it greatly to their advantage if they should make some alterations in the construction of their house, & improvements in the means of warming it. The house in District No. 9 is sufficiently large to accommodate all the scholars in that district, but the construction inside, especially in the form & arrangement of the seats, is absolutely insufferable. If the inhabitants in this district & the house in district No. 8 should remodel their houses so as to admit of two separate schools being kept at the same time, the committee feel confident from the result of the experiment in Dist. No. 1, that they would receive double

the benefits from the hints they now do-

These remarks on School houses have been elicited principally from the fact that there are 2 or 3 districts which must build houses within a short period. And it is hoped that these hints will draw the attention of the inhabitants of those districts in particular to that subject in order that whenever they do build they may adopt the most approved form, as more is depending on this, than many inhabs may imagine —

The Committee can not, persuade themselves to close this report without adverting to the apparent apathy & coldness which Parents & Guardians manifest on the subject of Public Schools. They say apparent, for they do not doubt that Parents in general do, indeed feel a very lively interest in the instruction of their children, Indeed they know this to be the fact. But still it is no less a fact, that they are generally guilty of a very culpable neglect of' unimportant, that interest in relation to the Examinations & Exhibitions visiting the Several Schools — They know very well that it is sometimes pleaded in extenuation of this neglect that they have a committee whose express duty it is to attend to this business: But, this does not do away the charge, nor in the least release them from their responsibility — The committee are firm in their belief, and this conviction is founded in part on the experience which some of them have had in teaching, that if Parents would make it their practice to attend the examinations universally, and visit occasionally the Schools in their respective districts individually, the influence they would extend over the character of the Schools, in raising the ambition & exciting an emulous spirit among the Scholars would far exceed the most prudent expectations of the last unlimited committee. Nor is this all, Instances are not wanting, it is presumed in most School districts in which disputes have arisen in School affairs which have extended at last if not consolidated the destruction of all the usefulness that a Town & might

(Report continued)

have been derived from it, & which would have been wholly avoided had the Parents visited the school & seen with their own eyes, and heard with their own ears instead of borrowing the use of those of their neighbours & children. It is a common remark & universally admitted as truth, that the general diffusion of knowledge among the people is the life & support of all free Governments. This truism is so apparent at first thought, that it is feared but too many assent to it without sufficiently examining the evidences in support of it so that it can properly be said they really believe it. If this fact be really believed, & further, if it be fully realized that the state of society, the advancement of moral & social feelings & interest are dependant on the education of our children it appears impossible that any one should fail or act indifferently towards our public schools. And the Committee feel a pleasure in having an occasion to announce that an increased attention to this subject is now manifesting in every section of the town; & although it has developed itself in some instances by commotions "wars & rumours of wars", yet even these are but arguments that a laudable attention to the subject is awakening which will finally result in unity of purpose, unity of action and increased exertion. —

Respectfully submitted by

March 4th 1839 — E. F. Webster, E. K. Kittredge, Wm Adams — Committee of Chelmsford

The following concerning the winter school in Dist. No. 8 was appended to this report & read in town meeting April 1st 1839

This school considering the disadvantages before alluded to under which it had been placed, appeared to the Committee as having been well instructed, and to have made good proficiency in the several branches taught. —

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept 16th 1839

Warrant

Middlesex ss } To either of the constables of the
Town of Chelmsford — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Centre Meeting house in said Chelmsford on Monday the sixteenth day of September instant, at two O'clock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles viz —

1st To choose a moderator

2d ~~If~~ The request of David Perham & others, ~~to~~ see if the town will accept of the widenings & alterations in the road from Deac. Noah Spalding's to the County road leading from Chelmsford to Lowell, as laid out by the Selectmen, or act thereon.

And you are to serve this warrant as is directed in the rules & regulations of said town for warning town meetings —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting

Given under our hands & Seals this 3d day of Sept. A.D. 1839

Otis Adams
E.F. Webster
Jotham Parker
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Town Meeting, Continued

(Officer's return on the foregoing Warrant)

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Sept 4th 1839

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford as therein required, by posting up copies thereof by me attested at each of the public meeting houses and at the tavern kept by John Gray / all in said Chelmsford / to that the same shall stand two sabbaths, at least previous to the time of holding said meeting, being in conformity to the rules & regulations of the town for warning Town Meetings

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Town Meeting Cont'd

Town of Chelmsford Sept 16th 1834

Pursuant to a warrent the Inhabitants of said town legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Centre Meeting House in said town, when & where the following votes were passed & proceedings had to wit—

Chose Capt. Otis Adams Moderator

Read the Report of the selectmen of their laying out certain widenings & alterations in the road leading from Dea Noah Spaldings to the County road from the Centre of the town to Lowell —

Voted to accept the report. (see Book of Roads)

Voted to Choose a committee of three to cause the said widenings & pin of new way to be constructed & opened for travel —

Chose Capt. James Pitts, Eli F. Webster & Bryant Emerson said committee

Voted That the above committee be instructed to clear the road of all wood and timber standing & growing thereon the whole width of the road as laid out

Voted To dismiss the meeting —

Otis Adams Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

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Perambulation of town lines Billerica & Chelmsford

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the Towns of Billerica and Chelmsford, hereby certify that we have perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between said Towns and found the six stone monuments standing as erected in 1829 as boundaries thereof

Oct. 22d 1839

Otis Adams } Selectmen
E G Webster } of
} Chelmsford

Marshall Preston } Selectmen
Sewall Stearns } of
} Billerica

Recorded by Eli G Webster Town Clerk

Election Nov. 11th, 1799

Warrant

(L.S.) Middlesex ss:— To either of the Constables of
(L.S.) the Town of Chelmsford — Greeting
(L.S.)

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections to assemble at the Meeting house in the centre of said Town on Monday the eleventh day of November next at eleven O'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor & Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth and for five Senators for the district of Middlesex on an Ballot.

Also to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as aforesaid to meet at the same time and place for the purpose of determining the number of Representatives said Town will send to the next General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, and to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for some suitable person or persons to represent them at said Court.

The Polls will be opened for each and all of the aforesaid Elections at 12 O'Clock at noon —

And you are likewise required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the same place at 3 O'Clock P.M. on the same day to act on the following articles to wit:

1st To choose a Moderator
2d To hear the report of any Committees which may have been appointed at a former Town meeting and act thereon

(Voted)

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Warrant Concluded

Election Nov. 11 1839 Cont'd

And you are required to serve this warrant according to law and the regulations of said Town for calling town meetings —

Hereof fail not, & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid —

Given under our hands & seals this twenty eighth day of October eighteen hundred and thirty nine. —

Otis Adams } Selectmen
E. F. Webster } of
Lefthah Parker } Chelmsford

Officers return on the foregoing warrant

Middlesex ss: Town of Chelmsford Oct 31st 1839

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Chelmsford to assemble as therein directed, and for purposes therein expressed by posting copies thereof by me attested at each of the public meeting Houses & at the tavern of John Gray all in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand two sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding said meeting, being in accordance with the regulations of the Town for calling town meetings —

James Pitts, Constable
of
Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Election Nov. 11th 1839

(Votes for Governor)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the eleventh day of November, being the second monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4 sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was two hundred and eighty three

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons

For Governor { Marcus Morton one hundred and fifty nine — 159
Edward Everett one hundred and twenty four 124

Attest Selectmen
E. F. Robbins
Josiah Fletcher
of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Robbins Jr. C.

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Election nov. 11th 1839

(Votes for Lieut. Gov.)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the eleventh day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and thirty nine for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth — The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Ch. 4, Sec. 13.) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was

Two hundred & eighty three

And the whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Lieut Gov, { Sattian Wills - one hundred and fifty nine 159
George Bull one hundred and twenty four 124

Attest Silas Adams
E. F. Webster
Lyst Hale Parker
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster T. C.

(Votes for Senators)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the eleventh day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the district of Middlesex.

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4, Sec. 13) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was two hundred and ninety two

And the whole number of were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

Joseph W. Hanson one hundred and fifty	150
Leonard M Parker one hundred and forty seven	147
James Russell one hundred & forty seven	147
George Robbins one hundred & forty seven	147
Thos L. Greenwood one hundred & forty eight	148
Saml Chandler ninety four	94
Saml B. Walcott one hundred & twenty six	126
Sidney Willard one hundred & thirty four	134
Caleb Butler ninety	90
Luke Fiske ninety four	94
Sylvanus Cobb forty five	45
Lilley Eaton forty six	46
Joel Fuller. forty three	43

Election Nov 11th 1839 Contd

Joseph T. Buckingham nine 9
Stuart E Park four 4

Otis Adams } Selectmen
E F Webster } of
Joseph Parker } Cheltenham

Recorded by E F Webster Town Clerk

Town of Cheltenham Nov 11th 1839 2 o'clock P.M.
Pursuant to the Warrant the Polls were opened for the choice of Town Representatives to the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of Jany. next—

Voted To Send two Representatives
Voted To Choose them on one ballot
The selectmen ruled that the Polls be closed at 3, o'clock P. M.
The votes being sorted, counted, & declaration thereof made were for the following persons

Hezekiah Spalding one hundred & twenty seven	127
Edt F Webster one hundred and five	105
Jesse Smith Eighty three	83
Otis Adams Seventy nine	79
Saml P. Hadley twenty three	23
Amos Carlton Sixty one	61
Joseph Warren Sixty	60
Humphrey S Watson one	1
Solomon Parkhurst one	1
Joseph Bowers one	1
John Farnell one	1
Hezekiah Spalding one	1

The whole number of Ballots was 277
Necessary to a Choice 139.
None having received that number there was no Choice

Voted to dissolve the Meeting
Moved by E. F. Webster T.C.

Town Meeting nov. 11th 1839

Town of Chelmsford nov. 11th 1839. 3 o'clock P.M.
Pursuant to the Warrant the Meeting for town
affairs was opened and the following votes were
passed & proceedings had to wit—

Chose Capt Otis Adams Moderator

Read the Report of the committee on the Mill
Road

Voted To accept the Report—

Voted to close the Meeting for town business

Otis Adams Moderator

Recorded by E. Weston Town Clerk

Report of Committee on the Mill Road

The Committee to whom was referred at a Town Meeting the removal of the bounds & the repairing of the Mill road, (so called,) and also, were directed by the Town at a subsequent Meeting to remove & establish new bounds, have attended to that duty & submit the following Report —

We have established the bounds as follows — Beginning at a stone set in the ground on the Westerly side of the Lowell road near the Stone Bridge over Stony Brook; thence running South 6½° East 39 rods & twenty links to a stone bound in the ground; thence South 15½° West 45 rods to a stone set in the ground by the Middlesex Turnpike, — The road being three rods wide and lying on the westerly side of the above described bounds —

We have caused the road to be Repaired, and made convenient for public travel —

All which is Respectfully Submitted

Chelmsford Nov 11th 1839

Silas Spaulding } Committee
Benj Adams }

Recorded by E. H. Webster Town Clerk

Election 4th monday in Nov. 1839 379

Warrant

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables
of the Town of Chelmsford — Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
Chusetts you are hereby directed to notify & warn
the Inhabitants of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution
to vote in Elections for Representatives to the General
Court of this Commonwealth to meet at the Meeting
House in the centre of said Town on Monday
the twenty fifth day of November instant, it
being the fourth monday of said month, at
ten O'clock before noon to bring in their votes
to the Selectmen for two representatives to
the next general Court to be holden at
Boston on the first wednesday of January next.

The Polls to be opened at Eleven O'clock
A. M. —

And you are directed to serve this
warrant according to law & the regulations
of the town for calling Town Meetings

Hereof fail not, and make due
return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to ourselves at the time & place of
holding said meeting. — —

Given under our hands & seals this
Eighteenth day of November A. D. Eighteen
hundred & thirty nine

Otis Adams } Selectmen of
E. F. Webster } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Nov. 16th
1839 — Pursuant to this warrant I have
notified & warned the Inhabitants of
Chelmsford as therein directed by posting
up copies thereof by me attested at each
of the Public Meeting Houses, and at the

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Election 4th Monday in Nov. 1839.

Tavern Kept by John Gray, all in said Chelmsford so that the same may stand over two sabbaths (at least) previous to said meeting being in accordance with the vote of the Town of Chelmsford for the regulation of Town Meetings

James Pitts } Constable
of
Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town of Chelmsford Nov. 25th 1839

Pursuant to the warrant the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections assembled at the centre Meeting House at 11 o'clock A.M. and the Polls were opened for the choice of two representatives to the next General Court —

Previously to receiving any votes a motion was made to dissolve the meeting —

Voted That the meeting be dissolved

Town Meeting March 2d 1840

Warrant

Middlesex ss } To either of the Constables of the
} Town of Chelmsford — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the centre of said town on Monday the second day of March next at nine o'clock before noon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit —

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year —

3d To bring in their votes for a county treasurer

4th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon —

5th To hear the Report of the Board of Health and act thereon —

6th To the Report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, and see if the Committee which may have been appointed and act thereon.

7th To see what disposition the town will make of the Poor House or act any thing in relation thereto.

8th To decide upon the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges the ensuing year —

9th To raise money for the support of Schools, the Poor, and for all other town charges —

And you are directed to serve this warrant according to Law & the vote of the town relative to the manner of calling town meetings —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting —

Given under our hands & seals this

Town Meeting March 2d 1840 contd

Pursuant to the 1st of February A.D. 1840

Eli Adams } Selectmen
E. W. Webster } of
Ethiah Parker } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss } Town of Chelmsford February 1st 1840

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town to assemble at the time, place, & for purposes therein expressed by Posting copies thereof on one attested at each of the Public Meeting Houses, and at the Tavern of Tolin Gray, all in said Chelmsford, "so that the same may stand two Sabbaths" at least" previous to the time of holding said meeting" being in accordance with the vote of said Town

James Pitts Constable of
Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town Meeting contd Monday 2d Mar.

Pursuant to the Warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the meeting House in the centre of said town on Monday the 2d day of March A.D. 1840 when & where the following votes were passed & proceedings had to wit:—

Chose James Pitts Esqr Moderator

Voted To choose Three Selectmen all on one ballot

Voted To take up the 3d article, in order to open the Polls for the choice of T. Clerk, Selectmen, & County Treasurer at the same time.—

Chose E. F. Webster Town Clerk and Selectman—

Voted No choice being made of the other Selectmen, To adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes— Met according to adjournment and proceeded to ballot again for the Selectmen and

Chose Ephm Parker— There being no choice for the other Selectman, proceeded to ballot again for a Selectman and

Chose Capt Otis Adams—

The votes for County Treasurer being sorted counted, and declaration thereof made in open town Meeting were as follows—

For Freeman Buttrick, one hundred sixty one votes 161
For Albert H. Nelson, eighty nine votes 89
For Albert Nelson, one vote 1

Chose Levi Emerson Town Treasurer—

Chose James Pitts Esqr & John H. Young Constables—

J. H. Young declined serving

Voted To postpone the choice of a Constable indefinitely—

Chose Daniel Parker, Joseph Manning & Joseph Hanchett Overseers of the Poor & Workhouse—

Voted To choose three School Committee—

Chose E. F. Webster Otis Adams & Joseph Warren Jr. S. Committee

Mr Warren declined Serving

Voted To adjourn the meeting to Thursday next / being the 5th day of March inst. / at 12 Oclock at noon—

Annual Town Meeting cont'd March 1840

Richmond March 5th 1/2 8 o'clock at noon.
Pursuant to the adjournment the Inhabitants of
said Town qualified to vote in town affairs assembled
at the centre Meeting House & proceeded as follows

Chose Lefferiah Parker School committee

Voted To reconsider the vote "postponing the choice
of constable indefinately" —

Chose Lewis H. Smith Constable —

Voted To choose a field Driver in each School district

Chose in Dist No 1. B. F. Adams — no 2. Francis Rich-
-ardson — No 3. Amos Green — No 4 Joseph Adams 2d
No 5. Elbridge Dutton — No 6. Benj. Livingston
no 7. Robert Richardson no 8. Benj. Blood jr
No 9. Wm Parker No 10. Leonard C. Tenbom.

Voted to choose nine fence viewers

Chose Wm Parker. Elijah Richardson jr 2d. Asa Hodgman
Parker Dutton & Solomon Parkhurst fence viewers

Voted To choose a Surveyor of Highways in each Highway
district

Chose in No 1. Amos Carlton — no 2 Francis Richardson
no 3 Josiah Bean no 4 Charles Swett no 5
Wm. Marshall no 6. Alpheus Spalding
no 7. Charles Parker no 8 Benj. Blood jr no 9.
Benj. F. Bean — no 10 Lefferson Loring —

Voted to choose 10 Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Alpheus Bowers — Saml P. Hadley — Isaac Crooker
Wm Swett — Francis B Parker Elphalet Hunt
— S. Webster — Henry Bean — Eli P. Parker &
Charles Blood.

Voted to choose 13 Surveyors of wood

Chose Elem Adams — Joseph Reed — Charles T. Bird
Lefferson Loring — Augustus E. Spalding —
Wm. Marshall — Saml P. Bean — Francis
B. Fickett — David Perkins — Alpheus Bowers
Leonard C. Tenbom — Franklin Rutinan &
Benj. Spalding —

Voted to choose 2 inspectors of Lime

Annual Town Meeting Commenced March 5th 1840

Voted Wm Hilbert & Lovell Fletcher
Voted to choose 5 weighers of Hay —
Voted Eliab Parker — Lovell Reed — John Jr Lovell S
Heywood — Benjn Adams Esqr —
Voted to postpone the choice of a Board of Selectmen
Heard the Report of the Overseers of the Poor —
Voted to accept the Report —
Heard the Report of the Committee on Settlement of the
on the Poor farm —
Heard the Report of the Board of Health
Voted to accept the Report —
Voted that Mr Obadiah Whitcomb's note now in the hands
of S. Fletcher be sent to him Satisfied in full"
Heard the Report of the Committee to settle with the
Treasurer
Voted to accept the Report —
Voted to choose a Committee of three to make the next
annual settlement with the town Treasurer —
Voted Eliab Adams Esq Obadiah Whitcomb & Benjn Esqr
Voted Capt Asa Hardeman & Paul Reed be Daniel Jordan
a Committee to inspect the Property of the Town on the Poor farm
Voted that the Post Fence round the Grounds on the North
Easterly, Westerly & the South, be committed to the
Care of the Selectmen, with instructions to take
a Deed of a small piece of land on which it now Stands,
or if it cannot be had after Commencing Take that
Course that in the use of the Town as circumstances may
require, or if they think it prudent Sell the whole
of the Town, to Sell said Property & place the proceeds
Fund in the Town Treasury —
Voted that the Highways be repaired in the same
manner as last year —
Voted to Raise eight hundred dollars for the } roads
Support of roads & Bridges } &c.

Annual Town Meeting North Ward March 5th 1840

1st Voted To raise Twelve Hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year {Schools $1200.00}

2nd Voted that $120.00 be left with the Selectmen, to be apportioned by them among the Small districts at their discretion

3rd Voted To raise Seven hundred & fifty dollars for the support of the Poor {Poor $750.00}

4th Voted To raise Twelve hundred dollars for incidental expenses {Towns expenses $1200.00}

5th Voted To dissolve the meeting —

James Pitts Moderator

E. F. Webster Clerk

Money raised in 1840 — to wit

For Schools —— $1200.00

For the Poor —— 750.00

For incidental charges 1200.00

$3150.00

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Jason Hopkins Treasurer March 2

[illegible] Sworn [illegible]

[illegible] Sworn [illegible]

[illegible] All sworn March 12 in both Towns

Silas Adam Assessors

[illegible] Sworn [illegible]

James Pills
John H Smith } Constables Sworn March [illegible]
Daniel Parker
Joseph Manning } Overseers of [illegible]

[illegible]

Eliphalet [illegible]
Eli [illegible] } Grand
[illegible] } Jurors

Benj [illegible] } Sworn May 19th
Francis Richardson
[illegible]
Josiah [illegible] 2d
Elbridge Dutton
Benj Livingston } Jurors
Robert Richardson Sworn March 9th
Benj Bloodgood
Fred Parker Sworn March 9th
Leonard [illegible]

Wm Fuller
Elijah Richardson Jr } Jurors
Asa Hodgman 2d }
Parker Dutton } Sworn March 10th
Solomon Parkhurst }
Amos Carlton } Sworn March 5th
Francis Richardson } Surveyors } Sworn March 5th
Josiah Brown } " " "
Charles Sweet } Highways " " "
Thos Marshall " " "
Alpheus Spalding } Sworn March 5th
Charles Parker " " "
Benja Blood Jr } Sworn March 10th

Town officers (March 5th 1844) continued

Benjn F. Oliver } Surveyors
Jefferson Loring } of Highways — March 11th

Alpheus Bowers } Sworn March 5th
Saml P. Hadley } Sworn March 7th
Isaac Crooker } Surveyors
Wm Swett } of
Francis B. Parker } Lumber — Sworn March 5th
Edwhalet Hunt
E. F. Webster
Henry Bean
Eli P. Parker } Sworn March 5th
Charles Blood } Sworn March 11th
Ebenezer Adams — Sworn March 11
Joseph Reed
Charles F. Bird — Sworn March 11th
Jefferson Loring — March 11th
Augustus R. Spalding — March 11th
Wm Marshall } Surveyors of } Sworn March 5th
Eldad P. Bean } Wood — March 11th
Francis B. Parker — Sworn March 5th
David Putnam — Sworn March 11th
Alpheus Bowers — Sworn March 5th
Leonard C. Sawtelle
Franklin Putnam — Sworn March 11th
Benjn Spalding
Samuel P. Hadley } Sworn in April (see page 395) } Sworn April
(see page 395)
Wm Parker — Sworn March 5th
Joseph Reed } Hogreeves } Sworn March 9th
Eben Spaulding } of — March 11
Joseph Heywood } Hay
Benjn Adams Esqr — Sworn March 5th

Wm Hildreth } Trustees
Lovell Fletcher } of Limr

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

A Report of the expenses for supporting the Poor in the Town of Rhodes Island for the year ending March second A.D. 1840

Dr

To cash paid for bills due March 4th 1839	$ 146.54
To cash paid for Stock, Corn, provisions, clothing & other necessaries for the use of Alms house & farm	1035.34
To cash paid Dr Paul Kittredge & son for doctoring }	
previous to March 12th 1839 ——— }	8.00
To cash paid Dr Paul Kittredge & son for doctoring from }	
March 12th 1839 to March 2d 1840 }	17.56
Due Benjamin Walker for services as Superintendent }	
of Alms-house ——— }	62.50
Due the Overseers for their services ———	60.00
	$ 1411.84

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By cash received for town orders	$ 130.30
Cash Received for Stock sold & the produce }	
of the farm }	455.43
Cash recd from the State for State Paupers in 1838 ——	28.14
Cash recd from Groton for support of Blood	7.45
Due from State for support of Paupers in 1839 ——	23.22
Due from the Town of Burlington, for 1838 ——	4.50
	$ 1585.34
Balance against the Town	$ 216.54

The average number of Paupers at Alms-house the past year have been fifteen —

All which is respectfully Submitted by

Daniel Parker }
Josiah Manning } Overseers
Josiah Pierrepont } of the Poor

Recorded Per E. F. Wilcox Town Clerk

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Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health submit the following Report concerning the expenses incurred by the Small Pox in 1839 As with —

Paid	Joseph Ransom for nursing Caroline Whitcomb 23 days at 1.50 p day —	$ 34.50
"	Cottrania Ward for do 3 weeks at 5 p week	15.00
"	Dr Paul Kittredge & son for professional services	36.00
"	Dr P. Kittredge for services as board of Health including cleansing Pest House & furniture	12.00
"	Albert Graves for attendance on C. Whitcomb at his house 5 days	7.50
"	" " for cleansing his house & furniture	6.00
"	" " for Bed & bedding	22.00
"	" " for several small articles of Crockery & glass ware, axe &c	4.22
"	Hildreth P. Sutton for meat	.91
"	Willard Reed for 1 cord of wood	3.50
"	Charles Hollis for Milk	.80
"	Lyman Algen & Co for Groceries &c	14.72
"	E. Whittier for services as board of Health.	6.30
"	" " for Table	.84
"	Lincoln Drake & Co. for Stove & Pipe	23.00
"	" " for 400 ft Boards 134 ft timber at 15.	8.01
"	" " for Nails	1.65
"	" " for 2 Small Buildings	35.00
"	Gay, Silver & Co. for 4 days Labour of Carpenters	6.00
"	" " for window frame Sash, Glass &c	5.26
"	Dr F.M. Kittredge for Door, wood saw &c	2.50
"	Otis Adams for services as board of health	.75
		$ 251.36

Received of Abijah Whitcomb. Cash	$ 80.00		
" " " A. Note payable in one year from Jan 1st 1839	19.90		
" of the Town of Westford	25.00	154.90	
Leaving a balance expended more than raised		$ 96.46	

& must obtain the Town House in their possession and at their disposal the House & furniture therein.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Otis Adams
E. F. Webster
Epthah Parker
Paul Kittridge
F. W. Kittridge

} Board of Health.

Feb. 29th 1872.

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk.

The Committee appointed at the last March meeting
to settle with the Treasurer, having attended to
that duty make the following Report —

The Treasurer charges himself with

Balance due the Town on Settlement last year $ [illegible]
Cash received of Daniel Parker 41.00
Cash received of State Treasurer for Militia service in 1838 80.70
Cash received of Do for bounty on wheat 6.65
Cash received of Lephat Parker collector for 1839 3575.04
Amounting in all to $ 4233.39

Cash paid Sundry Town orders & interest thereon $3654.64
Leaves a balance in the Treasurers [illegible]

Respectfully Submitted by

[illegible]
E. F. Webster
Alpheus Spalding

Committee

Accepted to

[illegible] Town Clerk

In conformity to their instructions, the committee
report, that, as far as they have been able to ascertain, the
actual state of the finances of the town are as follows.

[illegible] are outstanding orders on interest to the amount of $ 2086.13
Orders not on interest 117.00
Balance against the town for Support of Poor 2 00.52
Amounting in all to $ 2403.65

[illegible] due from the State Treasurer 5 78.00
[illegible] the Town of Dalton 95.00
[illegible] for 1839 [illegible]
[illegible] 4 [illegible] 2
[illegible] amounting in all to $ 753.65
Leaves a balance against the town of $ 1650.30

Otis Adams
E. F. Webster
Alpheus Spalding
Committee

Received for E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 6th 1840

Warrant

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Pembroke, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Pembroke qualified to vote for Senators & Representatives in the general Court, to meet at the meeting House in the centre of said Town on the sixth day of April next it being the first monday in said month at one O'Clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes, for or against the Amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth proposed by the last & present Legislatures thereof.

And you are likewise directed to notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same time & place to act on the following articles to wit:-

1st To chuse a Moderator

2d To fill all vacant Town offices

3d To act upon the Collection of the taxes for the last year

4th To hear the report of any Committee which may have been appointed, & act thereon

5th To take into Consideration the ordinance of Boston regulating the price of Lighterage taken during the winter months.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at or before the time of holding said Meeting.

Given under our hands & Seals this eighteenth day of March, eighteen hundred & forty.

Ebenezer Winter)
Ephraim Parker) Selectmen of
Otis Adams) Pembroke

See of this return next page)

(Warrant Contd Officers return)

Middlesex ss: Town of Chelmsford March 27th 1840

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford, to meet at time & place & for purposes therein expressed, by posting up Copies thereof (in the attested at each of the said Meeting Houses and at the Tavern kept by John Gray, all in said Chelmsford) so that the same may stand over two Sabbaths at least previous to the time of holding said meeting, being in accordance with the vote of said town

James Pitts } Constable of
} Chelmsford

Recorded by E.F. Webster Town Clerk

Town of Chelmsford April 6th, 1840

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in Elections, assembled at the centre Meeting house in said town, & brought in their votes for and against the Amendment to the Constitution as therein directed, and the votes were sorted, Counted recorded, and declaration thereof made in open town meeting, and were as follows;

For said Amendment, forty eight votes

Against said Amendment, thirty five votes

E.F. Webster } Selectmen
Lepthah Parker } of
Otis Adams } Chelmsford

Attest E.F. Webster Town Clerk

Pursuant to the warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in town affairs met at the meeting house in the centre of said Town on monday the 6th day of April AD 1840 when & where the following votes were passed & proceedings had —,

Chose Eli Adams Moderator

Chose Amos Green Surveyor of highways in the place of Jefferson Loring (who declined serving)

Voted To choose an additional Surveyor of wood.

Chose Samuel P. Hadley said Surveyor.

Voted That the collection of the taxes for 1840 be let out at auction immediately to the lowest bidder.

Jephtah Parker bid off the collection of the taxes at five cents & one mill on the dollar.

Chose Jephtah Parker Collector

Heard The Report of the committee relative to land for a burying ground in the northerly part of the town

Voted That the same Committee be instructed to continue their inquiries so as to be able to report more definitely at some future meeting

Heard The Report of the School Committee

Voted To postpone the consideration of the 5th article indefinitely.

Voted To dismiss the meeting for town affairs. —,

Eli Adams Moderator

E. F. Wilson Clerk

Recorded by E. F. Wilson Town Clk

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Middlesex ss. Personally appeared Amos P. Hadley, chosen measurer of wood in the Town of Chelmsford & took the oath prescribed by Law to qualify him for that office

Before me

Eli Adams Justice of the Peace

Report of the School Committee 1840.

The Committee made a very detailed report on the state & condition of each of the several Schools the last year; as they can not think it necessary or expedient to enter into minute particulars at this time; as the statements could not vary much from last year - The whole number of scholars attending - the average attendance - the numbers enrolled in each branch in each particular School - the length of the Schools, (with one or two exceptions) & other statistics being very similar in the two years. They will, therefore, confine themselves to a few general remarks, with accompanying qualifications.

The committee are happy in having an opportunity to say, that in no year, during the five last past, have the Schools, collectively considered, exhibited so great a degree of improvement, as in the one now just closed. And they can not withhold their opinion, that much praise is due most of the teachers for their laudable exertions: And more especially so in districts nos. 3 & 9. Although in the winter School in district no 3. the order was not fully what might have been wished, Still the improvement manifested, and the indefatigable zeal & activity of the teacher in her endeavours to impart every useful & needed instruction demand more than ordinary commendation. And in dist. no. 9, it must be & is admitted that the character & discipline of the Schools and the acquisition of solid, useful knowledge manifested by the scholars, has been far superior to to any one of the five preceding years. And we doubt if it would be too much to say, all things considered, that more substantial benefits have been derived from the Schools the last year than from all four of the immediately preceding years taken

collectively. — In district No. 1. the winter School for the older Class of Scholars was far from being what the committee could approve. The teacher, although well qualified in literary acquirements, appeared to be destitute of that efficient energy & decision of character so necessary to the proper management of a School; and seemed to impart to his pupils that Spirit of distrust in their powers and attainments which he, himself possessed; and all together engendered a degree of insubordination & laxity of discipline which rendered the School nearly useless; & perhaps, in some respects worse than useless) — and the Committee deeply regret that their true character of the teacher & of the School were not discovered until so late a period, that any attempt to correct the evil would render the remedy, equal, if not paramount to the disease — →

Since making our last annual report, there have been made, & are now making essential repairs & alterations in several of the School houses — & a new house has been built in dist. No. 10, sufficiently commodious & pleasantly situated — In No. 5, the house has received essential repairs, & the inside entirely remodelled — In Nos. 9 & 7, the School houses are about receiving [illegible] repairs & remodelations, which will render them comfortable, convenient & comfortable — Much praise is certainly due the Inhabitants of all those districts for their Spirited exertions & commendable liberality. The Committee cannot refrain however from giving an opinion that the desks in many of the houses are still objectionable even in some recently built & repaired; and they would respectfully, yet earnestly request that whenever any district may, for the first time come to the consideration to build or repair its School house, they will not fail to take into especial consideration the convenience & advantages derived from so constructing the Scholars desks, as that the may all front one direction — This single consideration,

It is confidently believed will be found to be of more importance, than studying to devise plans how they may crowd the greatest number of scholars into the smallest possible space —

It is with no ordinary pleasure, that the committee feel at liberty to announce, that an increased estimate of the worth & importance of our common schools and a growing interest in their prosperity, have perceptibly developed themselves the past year, in more ways than one. Besides the improvements made & making in school houses; the public examinations have been much more fully attended in nearly all the schools than formerly, a more general sense of the importance of children's commencing their education at the foot of the ladder and gradually progressing upward, instead of beginning at the top, & struggling with fruitless endeavours to climb over & descend the other side — And "lastly, though not the least," the sufficient & increased sum voted at the last town meeting for the support of schools, and the just and liberal policy adopted relative to district schools are so many striking evidences of the just views & proper feelings of the inhabitants generally on these all important points that to pass them over in silence or without commendation, would be committing a manifest act of injustice —

The committee have likewise been gratified in witnessing increased manifestations of the evidences of the beneficial results attending their examinations generally, during the year past. They have seen some of the more prominent errors in what they believed to be such, which had crept into our schools gradually passing away till they have become nearly extinct — They have seen that species of upstart vanity, that itching desire & propensity, so universally prevalent in all our

Schools, to grasp at once, at the lighter & ornamental branches of science, give place to a more just estimate of the solid & useful branches; & to a recurrence to first principles - Then have seen that superficiality into the meaning of words & the nature & reasons on which the principles of science are founded, gradually overcome, - And that unmeaning, Parrot-like chattering so universally prevalent, has, in a great measure, given place to more rational & comprehensive views & exercises. -

Children now begin to comprehend & duly appreciate the fact, that they have reasoning powers, & progressive minds - Minds, which can & must be exercised. - All these things the committee have seen with unfeigned satisfaction. Still they have not the vanity to wish to arrogate to themselves, wholly, the credit of effecting all these changes; neither will that sense of duty which all owe to themselves suffer them to permit the spirit of detraction to rob them of their claim without an effort. All they claim to themselves is the credit of putting the wheel in motion, which, by the efficient aid & cheerful cooperation of Parents & teachers has been steadily propelled until these results have followed. But they are likewise compelled, however reluctantly, to add that a large amount of the good which otherwise might have resulted from their labours, must be deducted in consequence of injudicious & strong hostile insinuations, not to say, false & slanderous reports & opprobrious epithets which have been put in circulation, with the apparently manifest object of lessening their influence, and fearing to proceed upon a system prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth. But notwithstanding all these things they feel determined, and this determination is the result of mature consideration & a deep conviction of the solemn & mighty responsibilities resting on them, that nothing shall deter or relax their humble efforts

to do good; and when they are "reviled" (if they can not "bless") they will endeavour to "revile not again" - "being defamed" they "will entreat" & "being persecuted will suffer it" confidently believing, that the good sense of the community will not only sustain them, but they shall receive the advice, the assistance, & the hearty cooperation of the considerate, the prudent the virtuous & the candid in every feeble endeavour to mould & direct the youthful mind - in storing it with useful knowledge & in disseminating general instruction - in giving tone & direction to that reflective moral character, which all must sincerely wish to see developed in the youth of our town, who are so soon to occupy the places of their Parents, & in no small degree influence the destinies of future generations —

Men must & will disagree as to the means to be employed in effecting any object, however desirable; but on a subject of such vast importance as the education of our children, no difference of opinion on minor objects concerning modes & means, &c., for a moment, be suffered to interrupt or suspend the general harmony of action. And the committee look forward with hope & confidence to the speedy arrival of that happy period when all hearts will be united, & all hands employed in their best efforts to promote the accomplishment of so great a good. —

Chelmsford April 6th 1840

Otis Adams } School
E.F. Webster } Committee
Joseph Warren }

Recorded by E.F. Webster Town Clk

Census in May 1840

The whole number of persons in the Town of Chelmsford May 1st 1840. exclusive of State Paupers were one thousand five hundred and ninety five as taken by the Assessors of said Town according to an act of the Legislature passed in April 1840

E. F. Webster
Ephraim Parker
Asa Adams
} Assessors

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Militia Roll — May 1840

The following are the names of Persons between the ages of 18 & 45 liable to do military duty as enrolled by the Assessors of the Town of Chesterfield May 13th 1840 in conformity to an act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed March 24th 1840 —

Horace W. Woodward
Joshua Pratt
Marcus Thomas
Thomas Barstow
Seth Williams
Gardner Wilson
Oliver R Pratt
Hamilton Mason
James T. Bird
John B. Fish
John Turner
Edward Foster
Hyram McClanathan
Jared B. Britton
Frederick W. Blodget
Joseph Blood
Josiah Hayward
Orrin Packard
Barth W. Dexter
Harvey Silver
William Farley
Sergeant A. Morse
John Pierpont
Calvin Baldwin
John Campbell
James N. Buxton
Joseph B. Pierce
Charles Hurd
Caleb Guinnels
Frederick Wright
John W. Webster
James Libby
Caleb Wood
Silas E. Dugan
Isaac L. Lincoln
Abraham W. Newhall
James Pike 2d
Anson Augur
Willard H. Kennon
Benjamin Ela
Humphrey S. Watson
William S. Flanders
Seneca P. Moore
Horace Johnson
Albert Graves
George L. Wright
Chas. L. Cook
John Davison
Henry E. Bennett
Dustin F. Mellen
Isaac W. Bowers
James Kendall
Thomas Johnson
Wm. S. Shattuck
William S. Hasford
Asa D. Woodman

Moses B. Fisher
Oliver Cummings
Elisha Shaw
Joseph E. Howard
William Swett
Nathaniel Drake
John Woodward
Sylvester Dodge
Moses Ward
Nathaniel Thompson
James F. Flood
Jacob Carlisle
Ebenezer Bushnell
Elijah Gilson
Nathaniel Blood
Augustus E. Spalding
Stephen D. Sutton
Samuel Fletcher
Benjamin Fletcher
John Coburn
Timothy Riddle
Jona T. Fletcher
Artemas Parker Jr.
Charles A. Fiske
Lloyd H. Snell
Joshua Marshall
Charles F. First
Thomas Durant
Franklin S. Coburn
Phillip Taft
Wm R. Morey
Asa S. Parmelee
Christopher Rhodes
Marcus Reynolds
Albert Stone
Isaiah B Shattuck
Robert Mellen

Benja Spooner
John Flint
Wm H. Coburn
Wyman B. Dawson
Levi B. Stevens
Charles G. Sergeant
George B. Hassen
Thos F Eyman
Nathan Smith
Jacob Leighton
John F. Brown
Charles Frost
Hanson Packard
Amos W. Dutton
George Richardson
Charles Southaker
Hiram Tenney
George Wilson
Thos W. Olcott
Jonathan Larcum
Jacob B. Smith
Joseph Marshall
Rufus W. Marshall
Benjn D. Marshall
Jonathan Pierce
Henry Gading
George Worcester
John H. Smith
Samuel Tyler
Edmund Swett
Charles Swett
Samuel Parker
William Bradstreet
Israel Harriman
Ferdinand F Stone
Lewis Smith
Justus Nolte

Stephen Stevens
[illegible]
Abraham Hale
Robert Tuttle
[illegible]
Warren McIntire
Thomas Parker
Josiah Ballard
John Bagnell
Samuel Howard
Carter Dunn
Josiah Richardson
Eldridge G. Spalding
Ebenezer Cleaves
William Fletcher 3d
George P. Kittredge
Josiah K. Felch
Gilman Hunter
Charles Proctor
Hezekiah Parkhurst
Levi French
George W. Kelley
George W. Wrenn
John A. Shed
Israel Parkhurst
Saml S. Parkhurst
Calvin L. Carpenter
Gilman Wait
Sidney Wright
Samuel R. Barham
Franklin F. Wilson
Ezekiel Fletcher
George H. Nichols
Ezra Stephens
Edmund Stephens
Abraham Spalding
Josiah K. Fletcher
Eben H. Marshall
[illegible]
Joseph Warren jr.
Israel Putnam
Charles Parker
Nathaniel Hutchinson
Shenbiah Spalding jr
[illegible]
Eldridge P. Spalding
Henry Foster
James Robbins
Alden Pinney
Eldad P. Bean
Joseph Chamberlain
Eldridge Dutton
Amos W. Dutton
Rufus Byam
Solomon Harwood
Jeremiah C. Mansfield
Asaph Mansfield
Leonard L. Mansfield
Oliver Hutchins
Henry A. Currier
Wm. F. Burrows
Ephraim Byam
Stillman Byam
Benj F. Hodges
Hilliard Witherell
Asa Nichols
Parker Foster
Joseph Williams 2d
Nathan Buttrick jr
William Buttrick
Charles Bicol
Jefferson Loring
Charles R. Thompson
Josiah Thompson

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Election Nov. 9th 1840

(Warrant)

Middlesex ss } To either of the Constables of the
} Town of Chelmsford — Greeting —

(L. S.) In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid
(L. S.) = saith you are hereby directed to notify the
(L. S.) Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified
to vote in Elections to meet at the Centre Meeting house in said town on Monday the ninth day of November next / being the Second monday in said month / at ten o'clock before noon for the following purposes to wit:—

To bring in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, & for Six Senators for the district of Middlesex, on one ballot —

To bring in their votes for a representation to the 27th Congress for District No. 4 —

To bring in their votes for fourteen Electors of President & vice President of the United States on one ballot —

To bring in their votes for a representative to the next general Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of Jany. next —

The Polls to be opened for each & all of the aforesaid Elections at eleven o'clock A.M.

Also, to notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the same time & place to act on the following articles to wit:—

1st To Choose a Moderator

2d To see if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors Selected by the Selectmen, or act thereon

3d To see if the Town will take measures to cause certain portions of the Middlesex Turnpike to be laid out as a public highway —

4th To hear the report of any Committees which

Return this 1846 annual
may have been appointed, & not given —
And you are directed to serve this warrant
according to law & the vote of said town —
Fail not & make due return of this
warrant & your doings thereon, & proceedings &c
before the time of holding said meeting —
Given under our hands & seals at Chelmsford
this 24th day of October A.D. 1846

C.S. Hosmer } Selectmen
Ephm Parker } of
Jno Adams } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford Oct 26th 1846
Pursuant to this warrant I have notified
the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford to meet at
the time & place & for purposes therein expressed
by posting Copies thereof in an attested at each
of the public meeting houses and at the Town
Pump by Lohn Gray, all in said Chelmsford
So that the same may stand two Sabbaths at least
previous to the time of holding said meeting
in accordance with the votes of the town of
Chelmsford.

James Pitts, Constable of
Chelmsford

(Governor)

Election Nov. 18th 1840

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor, holden on the ninth day of November, in the second wednesday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. — The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (C. 16, s. 4, Sec. 13,) by counting the whole number of separate Ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was three hundred & thirty

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor, were sorted counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

Marcus Morton — had one hundred & seventy seven votes

John Davis — one hundred & forty eight votes

George N. Johnson — five votes

Election Nov 1840 contd

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chilmark in the County of Dukes County and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the ninth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 14, Sec. 13,) by counting the whole number of separate votes given in, and the whole number of ballots was Three hundred & twenty nine.

And the whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, & declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed -- and were for the following persons --

(Lt Governor)

Marcus Morton - one hundred seventy six votes (vote)

George Hull one hundred & forty eight

Scat'g Bliss five votes

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(Senators)

Election A.D. 1840 A.D.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors holden on the ninth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators & Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex. The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 11. Sect 13) by counting the number of Separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was three hundred & twenty nine.

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed - and were for the following persons

Leonard M Parker one hundred & seventy six votes
Thos. T. Greenwood one hundred & Seventy six votes
George Robbins one hundred & Seventy six votes
James Russel one hundred & Seventy six vote,
Joseph B. Marsh one hundred & Seventy six votes
Caleb Wakefield one hundred & Seventy six votes
Benja. Thompson one hundred & forty eight votes
Edmund Parker one hundred & forty eight votes
Seth Ames one hundred & forty eight votes
Wm F. Lawrence one hundred & forty eight votes
Phineas Howe one hundred & forty eight votes
Oliver Adams one hundred & forty eight votes
Sylvanus Cobb five votes
Josiah Bowkett five votes,
John M. Burbon five votes
Eldridge Trull five votes
Nahum Harwood five votes
Joel Adams of Townsend five votes

Election Nov. 9th 1840 cont'd

(Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Common-
wealth aforesaid, qualified to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court
assembled and convened in the first Session
The second Monday of said Month, in the
year one Thousand Eight hundred & forty, for
the purpose of giving in their votes for Rep-
resentative of said Commonwealth in the
Congress of the United States, in said
number four —

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 11. Sec 13) by counting the number of Separate ballots given in, & the whole number of ballots was three hundred & thirty one

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law is directed and were in favor of persons

William Parmenter one hundred & Seventy three votes
Nathan Brooks one hundred & fifty three votes
David Goodale — four votes
Amos Farnsworth one vote

(Election of President &c)

Election Nov. 3d 1840 cont'd

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Thompsford in the County of Middlesex qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on the Second Monday of November in the year eighteen hundred & forty for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States

The whole number of Persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap 4. Sec 13.) by counting the whole number of Separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was Three hundred and Thirty

And the whole number of votes given in were received, Sorted, counted, and declared, and record thereof made in open town meeting, as by law is directed and were as follows

Electors at large

William P. Walker — one hundred & seventy one
Ebenezer Fisher — one hundred & seventy one
Isaac C. Bates — one hundred & fifty four
Seth Sprague — one hundred & fifty four
Jesse Wheaton, four votes
Sylvanus Judd four votes
Seth Sprague one vote
Amos Binsworth one vote

Dist No 1.

Caleb Eddy one hundred seventy one
Richard Haughton one hundred fifty four
John E Fuller four votes
Henry G Whitman one vote

Dist. No 2.

Robert Upton one hundred & seventy one
Stephn C Phillips one hundred & fifty four
Ebenezer Hunt - four votes.
Jonathan Buffum one vote is

Dist No. 3.

Nathaniel Stevens. one hundred & seventy one
Rufus Langley one hundred & fifty four
George Coggswell - four votes
Charles Butler one vote is

Dist No. 4.

Timothy Thompson - one hundred & seventy one
Sidney Willard one hundred & fifty four
Parkes T. Woodbury four votes
Stephen Goodhue one vote

Dist No. 5.

Samuel D Spurr. one hundred & seventy one
Ira M Barton one hundred & fifty four
Thomas W. Ward four votes
Samuel May one vote

Dist No 6.

Caleb Hubbard one hundred & seventy one
George Grennell four hundred & fifty four
Joel Hayden four votes
Asa Howland one vote

District No 7

John Leland. one hundred & seventy one
Thaddeus Pomeroy one hundred & fifty four
George W Sterling four votes
Seth Thatcher one vote

Dist No 8

James Fowler one hundred & seventy one
Samuel Mixter one hundred & fifty four
Charles Starkweather four votes
Noah Barns one vote

Dist. No 9.

Ostenus Barnum one hundred & seventy one
Thomas French one hundred & fifty four
Buckin Fitts four votes
Cyrus Allen one vote

District No. 10.

Nathan C Brownell one hundred & seventy one
Miles Hood one hundred & fifty four
Benjamin Bent four votes
Elijah Bird one vote

Dist No. 11.

Thomas Mandell one hundred & seventy one
Joseph Griffs one hundred & fifty four
Lemas L. Bassett four
Rodney French one

Dist No 12.

Jesse Pierce one hundred & seventy one
John B Thomas one hundred & fifty four
Azel Ames four votes
Elias Richards one vote

E F Webster) Selectmen
Josiah Parker) of
Otis Adams) Oxford

1844 E F Webster Town Clerk

(Senate Representative)

[illegible] qualified to vote in Elections met at the [illegible] meeting House in said Town & at the time when & where the following proceedings were had

1st In reading the warrant in obedience to the Legality of the meeting being made the laws relating to the manner of [illegible] Elections &c were read, and it was then Voted to send a Representative to the next General Court

2d Voted that a period of [illegible] short four hours

3d The whole number of persons who gave in their votes for a Representative to the next General Court was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 6. Sec. 13,) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in and the whole number of ballots was three hundred & twenty nine, and the whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded & declaration thereof made & were as follows, to wit:—

Silas Carlton one hundred & seventy one votes
Joseph Smith one hundred & eleven votes
Edmund Swett forty four votes
Silas Read Five votes

4th Silas Carlton was then declared duly elected Representative to the next General Court

5th Voted to dissolve the meeting

Recorded by
E. F. Webster Town Clerk

E. F. Webster } Selectmen
F. Burbank }
Silas Adams } Chairman

Town Meeting Nov. 9th 1840

The Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Centre Meeting House in said Town on the ninth day of November 1840 pursuant to warrant and the following votes were taken

Chose — James Pitts Moderator

Voted — To accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen

Voted — To refer the 3d article to a committee with instructions to take legal advice relative to the subject therein expressed, & report at the next town Meeting

Chose — The Selectmen said Committee

Voted — To discharge the Committee relating to the Burying ground in the North part of the Town from further service at the request of the Chairman thereof.

Voted — to dissolve the meeting

James Pitts Moderator

Recorded By E. F. Wilson Town Clerk

A List of the Jurors as drawn and by the Selectmen Jan 1840.

Solomon Adams	Abel Hunt
Ephraim Adams	Thomas Marshall
Amos Bryant	Sewall Pendexter
Henry Bryant	David Proctor
William F Burrows	Edmund Swett
Charles Bent	Amos Steel
Robert B. Chamberlain	Silas Pierce
Ebenezer Cowdry	Leonard C Sanborn
Owen Emerson	Jesse Smith
Charles Flood	Stephen Spalding
Amos Green	Joseph Warren Jr
Joseph Bowers	Amos Whitney Jr
Oliver Hutchins	George Worcester

E. F Webster) Selectmen
Josiah Parker) of
Otis Adams) Chelmsford

Accepted Nov. 9th 1840

Recorded by E. F Webster Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting March 1st 1841.

Warrant

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required & notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections & in town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in the centre of said Town on Monday the first day of March next at nine O'clock before noon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:—

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To choose all necessary town officers

3d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, and also for a Register of Deeds in the County of Middlesex

4th To hear the reports of the overseers of the Poor, of the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, and any other committee which may have been appointed, & act thereon.

5th To determine what action, if any, may be necessary relative to the Middlesex Turnpike; or such parts thereof as lie in the town of Chelmsford

6th To decide on the manner of repairing the Highways & Bridges in said town the ensuing year,

7th To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the Poor, the Schools, & all other town charges

8th At the request of Benj.n Blood & others, to see if the Town will purchase a piece of land of Wm. L. Adams Esq. lying on the westerly side of the Mill Road (so called) for a place of burial for the Northerly section of the town

9th To choose a committee to make the next annual settlement with the Town Treasurer

10th To set out the collection of taxes

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Warrant Contd.

11th At the request of the Overseers of the Poor, to take into consideration the expediency of building a new House on the town's farm, or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant according to law and the votes of the Town relating to the manner of calling town meetings

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals this fifteenth day of Feby A.D. 1841.

E. S. Webster
Ephraim Parker
Otis Adams
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford Feby 18, 1841

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of said Town to meet at the place therein named & for purposes therein expressed by posting up copies thereof by me attested at each of the public Meeting houses & at Gray's Tavern all in said Chelmsford so that the same stand over two Sabbaths previous to the time appointed for said meeting, being in accordance with the vote of the Town

James Pitts Constable of Chelmsford

Annual Town Meeting March 1st 1841.

Town of Chelmsford March 1st 1841.
The Inhabitants of said town qualified
to vote in Elections in town affairs met at
the Centre Meeting House pursuant to the
Warrant, when & where the following votes
were passed & proceedings had.—
Chose Jn. H. Reed Esqr. Moderator
Chose E. S. Webster Town Clerk who was sworn
by the moderator in open town Meeting
Voted To choose the Selectmen on one ballot
Voted to take up the 3d Article in the Warrant
Chose E. S. Webster, Amos Carlton & Dean Holt
Selectmen
Voted to adjourn the meting for 30 minutes &
Met according to adjournment
Chose Samuel P. Hadley Town Treasurer
Voted to choose 2 Constables on one ballot
Chose David Perham Jr & J. H. Smith — J. H. Smith
declined serving
Chose John H. Young Constable
Voted to choose 3 Overseers of the Poor
Voted that the thanks of the town be given
unanimously to Daniel Parker, Joseph
Manning & Joseph Warren Jr for their
faithful services as Overseers of the Poor for
the 2 past years.
Voted That the choice of the Overseers of the Poor
be indefinitely postponed
Voted To choose a School Committee of three
Chose Rev. John L. Russell, Rev. John Parkhurst
& Rev. Benj. F. Clark, School Committee
Voted To choose a Field Driver in each School
District
Chose Col. J. H. Fiske Francis Richardson Stillman
Bryan Otis Bacon — Jon.a Parker 3d Benjn
Livingstone, Albert Stone, Wm. F. Cochran

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Thos Parker & Wm W. Calvert. Field Drivers

Voted To choose 5 fence viewers

Chose Jr Paul Kittredge Josiah Byam. Elijah Hutchinson Parker Dutton & Wm Fuller

Voted To choose 10 Surveyors of Highways

Chose Joseph Reed. Josiah Richardson — Eldad P. Bean — John H Young — Thomas Marshall — Alpheus Spalding Shubael Spalding Jr John Gray — Joseph Manning & James Robbins surveyors of Highways

Voted That the Selectmen appoint Surveyors of Highways in such Districts as may be vacant by reason of nonacceptance or otherwise

Voted To choose 10 Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Alpheus Bowers — Samuel P. Hadley, Isaac Crooker — Wm Swett, Francis B Parker — Benj T Olear — E. F Helsthi — Henry Byam — E P. Parker & Charles Bird

Voted To choose 13 Surveyors of Wood

Chose Elias Adams Esq — Josiah Bird Charles F. Bird — Jefferson Loring — Augustus E Spalding Thos Marshall Eldad P. Bean E B. Parker David Perham. Alpheus Bowers. Leonard C Sawtell Samuel P. Hadley & Benjamin Spalding

Voted To add Joseph Adams 2d B. F. Adams James Whittemore & Thos T. Osgood to the Surveyors of wood

Voted To take up the 11th article

Voted To choose a committee of three to examine the Bonds on the town farm & report at the next town Meeting

Chose Samuel P. Hadley B. F. Adams & Elias Adams

Voted To choose 2 inspectors of Lime

Chose Wm Hildreth & Lowell Fletcher

Voted To choose 5 Surveyors of Fish

Chose Thos Parker Joseph Reed John Gray Joseph C Eaton & Benj Adams Esq

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Voted To choose the Clerk Selectmen with the Collection of the taxes be bid off at auction

Read The Report of the Selectmen of the Poor

Voted To accept the report

Read The Report of the Committee of appraisal of the Property on the town farm &c for 1840

Voted To accept said Report

Read the Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer

Voted To accept the Report

Read the Report of the Committee to take legal advice concerning the Middlesex Turnpike

Voted To accept the Report

Voted That part of the Middlesex Turnpike as a free public road from Billerica line to the Nashua & Lowell Rail Road being the whole of said Turnpike which lies in Chelmsford with the exception of what is now owned by said Rail Road Corporation

Voted that the roads & Bridges be repaired in the manner as last year

Voted To raise the sum of Six hundred dollars for the Support of the Poor $600.

Voted To raise twelve hundred dollars for the Support of Schools $1200.

Voted To leave 200 dollars at the discretion of the Selectmen to be divided among the Small Districts

Voted To raise eight hundred dollars for the support of the Highways & Bridges $800.

Voted To raise twelve hundred dollars for incidental expenses $1200.

Voted To refer the 5th Article to the next town meeting

Voted To choose a Committee to make the next annual Settlement with the town Treasurer

Chose Otis Adams - Dr Paul Kittredge & B. F. Adams Said Committee

~ Special Town Meeting Dec 4th 1841

Voted To refer the 10th article to the next town meeting

The Polls being closed for the choice of Town Officers & Clerk of Deeds - The votes were sorted counted, recorded & declaration thereof made, and were as follows.

(viz) For County Treasurer

Stedman Buttrick had 134 votes
Albert H Nelson had 57 votes

For Register of Deeds } William E Parmenter had 110 votes
William F Stone had 80. votes

Voted To dissolve the Meeting ~

F. W. Reed ~ Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town Officers Chosen March 11th 1844

E. F. Webster — Town Clerk — Sworn March 11th
E. F. Webster — " "
Amos Carlton, Dean Holt — Selectmen & Assessors — Sworn March 11th
David Perham — " " 11th
John H. Young — Constable — Sworn " 11th
Samuel P. Hadley — Town Treasurer
Rev. John L. Russell, Rev. John Parkhurst, Rev. Benj. F. Clark — School Committee
Joseph Reed, Josiah Richardson, Edmund P. Bean, John H. Young, Thos. Marshall, Alpheus Spalding Esq, Shubael Spalding jr, John Fairfield Mansfield — Surveyors of Highways — Sworn April 5th
James Robbins — Sworn March 6th
T. M. Fiske Esq
Francis Richardson, Stillman Bryant, Otis Bryant, Jona. Parker 3d, Benj. Livingstone, Albert Stone, Wm. K. Cochran, Thos. Parker, Wm. H. Calvert — Fence Viewers — Sworn March 6th
Dr Paul Kittredge, Josiah Bryant, Elijah Richardson jr, William Tyler, Parker Dutton — Fence Viewers — Sworn March 3d
Wm Hildreth, Israel Hutchinson — Inspectors of Lime — Sworn March 8th

Town officers chosen March 1st 1841 Contd

Alpheus Bowers		Sworn March 1st
Samuel P. Hadley	Surveyors of Lumber	" " 1st
Isaac Crooker		
Wm Sweet		
Francis B Parker		Sworn March 8th
B. F. Thean		
E. F. Webster		
Henry Byam		
E. P. Parker		
Charles Blood		
Chen Adams Esqr		Sworn March 4th by James Ritter Esqr
Joseph Reed		
Charles F. Bird	Surveyors of Wood	
Jefferson Loring		Sworn March 6th
Augustus C. Spalding		
Thos Marshall		Sworn April 5th
Edwd P. Bean		Sworn March 6th
F. B. Parker		" " 8th
David Perham		
Alpheus Bowers		Sworn March 1st
Leonard C. Sanborn		
Samuel P. Hadley		Sworn March 1st
Benj Spalding		
Joseph Adams 2d		Sworn March 5th
B. F. Adams		
James Whitmore		
Thos. F. Osgood		
Thos Parker		
Joseph Reed		
John Gray	Weighers of Hay	April 5th
Joseph E. Heywood		
Benj Adams Esqr		

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121 Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Account of the expenses for supporting the Poor in the town of Charlestown for the year ending March 1st 1841.

Paid	Bill to the 1st March 1840	$249.73
"	for Provision, clothing, tools, Stock & other articles for the house & farm	510.27
"	Dr Paul Lathrop & Son for professional services	19.50
"	Benjamin Walker, the Superintendant	187.50
"	Sarah Hurley for work at the house	12.00
Due to	Joseph Manning for articles bill paid	17.34
"	Benjamin Walker	62.50
"	Overseers for their Services	45.00
		$1103.84

Rec'd	for produce sold	$249.23
"	for State Paupers in 1839	22.22
Due	from the State for support of Paupers in 1840	4.34
"	from Lewis Sherman	7.41
"	from the town of Burlington	4.50
Rec'd from Town Treasurer		750.91
		1039.00
Leaving a balance against the town of		$124.84

The average number of Paupers at the House during the past year has been fifteen

All which is respectfully submitted

by

Daniel Parker
Joseph Manning
Joseph Warren
Overseers of the Poor

March 1st 1841

Appraisal of Property on the town farm —

The Subscribers, A Committee appointed by the Town of [illegible] at the [illegible] Meeting in 1840 for the purpose of appraising the personal property at the town Poor farm. We have attended to that service and present the following Schedule of the said Property viz:—

		$			
1	Yoke of oxen valued at	95.00	1	Ox Drag	,50
6	Cows with calf	150.00	1	Horse hay waggon	5.00
1	Farrow Cow	16.50	1	Horse waggon	27.00
1	[illegible]	35.00	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
1 3/4	[illegible] English Ox	24.00	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	do do do	36.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	do [illegible] Steer	21.00	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lot	Calf Stock	3.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.25
3	Swine	15.00	1	Bush Scythe	,25
10	Bush. Oats	4.50	1	Cider Knife	,20
4	do Barley	2.66	1	Grindstone	1.00
	Seed Corn	1.25	7	Axes & 1 Hatchet	7.00
32½	Bush Indian Corn	24.37	1	Wood saw	1.25
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	[illegible]	1.41	[illegible]	[illegible]	,75
3	[illegible]	1.25	2	Cast Iron Ploughs	7.25
2	Hand [illegible]	,17	16	Tools	5.33
2	Goad [illegible]	,75	1	Harrow	2.00
Lot	Rakes	,60	20	bush wood ashes	2,50
2	[illegible] & Scythes	2.00	25	[illegible]	5.00
2	[illegible]	,25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4	Dry Measures	,40	25	Mill Logs	10.00
3	[illegible] Chains	5.00	150	Bricks	1.12
2	[illegible]	1,50	1	Hand saw 3 Augers	[illegible]
1	[illegible]	26.00	Hammer 2 Chisels, Pincers		[illegible]
3	do Sleds	7.50	[illegible] inch Draw Knife Axe &		
6	Hoes	1,25	Spike Gimlet		3.34
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	$ 1174.10			$ 151.36

Amount carried up

Appraisal of Property Contd

	Amt Brought up	$151.51	Amt Brot up	$	575.77
1	Lot Cut Hoops	.25	3 Do Salamanders		.30
50	Bush. Rutabagas	10.00	5 Butter Boxes		.75
120	Do. Potatoes	39.20	3 Milk Pails		.75
13	Barrels Cider	13.00	1 Strainn Pail		.25
15	Cider Barrels	5.00	2 Water Pails		.25
1	Barrel vinegar	2.00	2 Wash Bowls		.30
37.5	lb Salt Pork	37.50	1 Horn		.25
8	Legs of Ham	18.00	Lot Tinware 47 Items		2.23
350	lb Salt Beef	17.25	1 Milk Can		.33
50	lbs Fresh Do.	3.00	7 Tin Bakepans		.33
5	Meat Barrels	3.50	Large Iron Kettle		1.00
10	Gal. Pickles	1.67	3 Cheese Hoops		.30
7	lbs Candles	.88	1 Hair Steelyards		.25
40	lbs Soap	3.20	4 Iron Wedges		.24
1	Keg & Molasses	1.00	1 Coffee Mill		.40
1/2	Bar. Soap	2.00	Lot Pewter		1.30
9	Pots & soap grease	4.00	1 Cooking Stove		22.50
4	Wash Tubs 1 Butt tub	2.20	1 Box Stove		1.00
	Cheese Tub & Churn	3.00	1 Glass Lantern		.30
104	lbs Cheese	6.24	1 Warming Pan		1.50
80	lbs Butter	12.00	1 Bed-pan		.30
2	Butter Tubs	.33	Crockery & glassware		5.30
20	lbs Rough Tallow	1.20	3 pr Bellows		.30
1	Gal. Apple sauce	2.00	3 Iron pin Setts		2.75
1/2	Bar. Flour	2.87	1 Brass Kettle		4.25
80	lbs Lard	8.88	1 Clock		5.75
24	lbs Tea	9.20	3 Looking Glasses		1.00
11	Bro. Earthen Pots	.88	5 Iron Pots		2.00
2	lbs Copper	.25	3 Iron Kettles		1.00
18	Tin Pans	3.00	4 Do Tea Kettles		1.00
21	Earthen Pans	2.00	6 Do. Spiders		1.25
	Tin Bakers & Kitchen	.50	30 Old Chairs		1.00
50	lbs Dried Apple	2.50	6 good Chairs		2.40
5	lbs Brn Sugar	.43	1 Rocking Do		.75
1	Pot Preserves	.50	10 Trunks		6.00
	Amt Carried up	$ 378.99	Amt Carried up	$	949.75

(Feb 1st 1841)

1841

Inventory of Personal Property belonging to the Estate of Benjamin Webster late of Hancock in the County of Hancock deceased as appraised by us the subscribers this 24th day of February A.D. 1841

	1 Pair Oxen	$ 70.00		1 Iron Bound Cart	$ 16.00
	2 Cows	50.00		1 Ox Sled	10.00
	1 Heifer	15.00		1 Ox Yoke & Bows	3.00
	1 Yearling	10.00		1 Plough & Harrow	5.00
	1 Calf	3.00		1 Drag	2.00
	1 Mare	50.00		1 Pair Cart Wheels	5.00
	1 Colt	30.00		1 Pair Sled Runners	3.00
	1 Sow & Pigs	10.00		1 Grindstone	1.00
	1 Boar	5.00		1 Crosscut Saw	1.00
	1 Sow	4.00		1 Hand Saw	.75
	1 Shoat	3.00		1 Pair Stillyards	1.00
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Pair Scales & Weights	1.00
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Iron Wedge	.50
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Axe	.75
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Adze	.50
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Broad Axe	.75
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Pair Hand Irons	.75
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Pair Andirons	1.00
	1 Shoat	2.00		2 Butcher Knives	.37
	1 Shoat	2.00		15 Tea Spoons	.50
	1 Shoat	2.00		15 Table Do	.10
	1 Shoat	2.00		3½ bush. Rye Meal	3.15
	1 Shoat	2.00		1¾ bush Salt	1.10
	1 Shoat	2.00		12 Dry Casks	1.44
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Cider tub	.44
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Half Barrel	.25
	1 Shoat	2.00		2 Seats	.67
	1 Shoat	2.00		2 Bushel Baskets	.50
	1 Shoat	2.00		1 Peck Measure	.25
	1 Shoat	2.00		6 Bibles	2.00
	1 Shoat	2.00		Total —	$1077.37
	1 Shoat	2.00			
	1 Shoat	2.00			
	1 Shoat	2.00		

(March 11 1841)

Report of the Committee to Settle with the Treasurer

The committee appointed at the last March meeting to settle with the Treasurer, having attended to that duty, make the following Report —,

The Treasurer charges himself with

Balance due the town on settlement last year	$ 578.75
Cash received of Sept. Parker Collector for 1839	160.11
" " " do do for 1840	3106.66
" received of B. F. Adams Field Driver	2 60
" " from State School Fund	101.18
Amounting to	$ 3888.70

And is Credited by

Cash paid sundry to School Dists	$ 3292.73
" paid for Militia service in 1840	10.00
" paid School Dist No. 9.	17.42
Amounting to	$ 3320.15
Leaving a balance due the town of	$ 568.55

Otis Adams
E. F. Webster } Committee
Assented to by Owen Emerson, Treasurer

The committee further Report, that, as far as they can ascertain, the actual State of the finances of the town is as follows

There are outstanding orders on Interest amounting to	$ 1920.16
Orders not on Interest	56.00
Outstanding balance against the town for the support of the Poor is	194.84
Interest due on town orders	59.00
Amounting to	$ 2160.00

There is due from the town Treasurer $ 568.55

from the State for County Militia	10.00
from E. Byam Collector for 1834-57.00	
from Sept. Parker Collector for 1840-100.00	
from School Dist No. 9	17.42
	$ 742.97
Leaving a balance against the town of	$ 1417.03

All which is respectfully Submitted by } Otis Adams
E. F. Webster } Committee

Warrant.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford ——— greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Meeting House in said town on the fifth day of April next (being the first Monday) at ten of the clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for three County Commissioners for the county of Middlesex on one ballot, & also for two Special Commissioners for said county.

And you are also directed to notify the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the same time & place to act on the following articles to wit:—

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To hear & act upon town reports

3d At the request of Joseph Reed & others, to see if the town will reconsider the vote passed at the last town meeting, accepting the Middlesex Turnpike from Billerica line to the Nashua & Lowell Rail road, or act thereon.

4th To hear the report of Committees appointed at some former town meeting & act thereon.

5th To set out the collection of the taxes for 1841.

6th To see if the town will make any provision for repairing a piece of fence for the protection of the town.

7th At the request of Marcus Thomas & others, legal voters in School district No. 8. To see if the town will divide said School district, or make such alteration of said district & establish the bounds thereof.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time & holding said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals this

21st day of March A.D. 1841

E. F. Webster
Amos Carlton } Selectmen of
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss } Town of Chelmsford March 25th 1841

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses and taverns all in Chelmsford so that the same would stand over two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding said meeting, as within is required and the votes passed in said town

David Perham jr. Constable of
Chelmsford

Town of Chelmsford April 5th 1841

Pursuant to the warrant the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in Elections & in town affairs met at the time & place of holding said meeting & 13 o'clock at noon of said day & within the following proceedings were had to wit:—

The Polls were opened for the choice of Town Officers & Special Commissioners and the Selectmen presided and the votes & opened the meeting for town affairs

Chose Col. T. M. Reed Moderator
Voted Dr. F. H. Ritteridge Town Clerk & Sworn } Sworn
Voted To accept the resignation of Jo. H. Young as Constable
Voted To proceed to the choice of Constable to fill the vacancy, caused by the resignation of J. H. Young
Voted To choose Constable by ballot
Chose Calvin Gray who was immediately Sworn
Voted To choose 3 Overseers of the poor for Town Farm &c —
Chose Asa Hodgman 2d Dea. Paul Ritteridge & Shubael Spalding Overseers —
Voted To choose a School Committee man & fill the

vacancy caused by the refusal of S. L. Russell to serve on said Committee

Chose Samuel Parker Esqr

Voted To dismiss the 3d article in the warrant

Voted That the number of persons voting for & against said dismissal be recorded. The vote declared by the Moderator was as follows. For dismissing the said article eighty one — Against the dismissal, forty seven —

Voted To take up the 7th article —

Voted To divide School district No. 5.

Voted To choose a Committee to establish the bounds of the division, or the dividing line between the said districts

Chose [illegible] Committee —

Voted The Report of the committee concerning the damage sustained in consequence of the dam across Souhegan falls &c —

Voted To accept the report

Voted That the Committee be instructed to settle the claims of the town against the several persons who shall be agreed or referred to, or otherwise to commence a suit against them immediately —

Read The Report of the Committee concerning the damage of the Dam &c —

Voted To accept the report

Voted That the same Committee cause said repairs to be made

Read The Report of the School Committee

Voted To accept the report, and that the said Committee cause the Report to be printed and circulated to every family in town —

Voted To let out the collection of the taxes by auction

Voted That the Selectmen be impowered to make agreements & regulations as shall be in the way of business (Vide Book page 346)

The Collection of taxes were then bid off at one cent & one mill on the dollar to Henry [illegible] Esquire —

(April Meeting Contd 1841)

Chose — Leo tha Parker Collector by ballot, who declined
Chose — Henry M. Currier Collector —
Voted — [illegible] to select a
piece of ground for a Burying place in the
northerly section of the town, and to ascertain the
terms on which said [illegible] can be obtained & report
at the next town meeting —
Chose — Benj's Blood S. F. Wood & Charles T. Bailey
said committee
Voted — To dismiss the meeting for town affairs
J. M. Reed Moderator
Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

[illegible] for County Commissioners being
sorted counted & declaration thereof made
were as follows to wit:— Whole number of
Ballots 55
[illegible] had 55 votes
For — Leonard M Parker 54 votes
For — [illegible] Lawrence 54 votes
For — Elias M Whipple 54 votes
For — Asa F Lawrence 54 votes
Caleb Butler 1 vote
Abm Wheeler 1 vote

Timothy Prescott had 54 votes
Geo. W. Dike " 54 votes
Chester Adams 60 votes
Darius Stevens 60 votes

E. F. Webster
Town Clerk
Asa Carter Selectmen of
Isaac Kalt Chelmsford
[illegible] E. F. Webster Town Clerk

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